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Action by council as water company admits responsibility for burst

HELP PLEDGE TO FLOOD FAMILIES

FAMILIES in Walsall whose homes were flooded after a major water pipe connected burst have been promised support to help their lives to return to normal. There were also reports in Streetly of would-be thieves trying to steal people's belongings that they had put temporarily on their front lawns.

Pothole repairs and extra bin rounds have started following the weekend's devastating water damage from a pipe connected to Barr Beacon Reservoir which ruptured in the early hours of Saturday.

Around 150 homes were badly damaged after a water pipe connected to Barr Beacon Reservoir burst in the early hours of Saturday. Families awoke to their homes filled with up to 3ft of water.

Houses in Aldridge Road, Limetree Road, Whitehorn Crescent, Yewtree Road, Cherrywood Road, Hazelwood Road, Foley Road West and Wood Lane were affected.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "We have been working with all the agencies concerned to ensure residents have practical support and timely information to help them through this difficult time.

"Refuse crews will continue to collect damaged property from residents for as long as they are needed and will always check with householders before taking any property away.

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Bedlam

"Permanent pothole repairs also started and will continue following temporary repairs that were made on Saturday.

"We appreciate it will be a long time before people can get back to normal and are committed to helping them through the process with whatever practical advice and support we can offer."

South Staffs Water now faces a possible compensation bill of up to £1 million after admitting responsibility.

Craig and Zoe Bullock, of Whitethorn Crescent, own one of the homes targeted by thieves.

Mr Bullock, a 41-year-old mechanic, said: "It was bedlam. We were trying to save what we could but as quick as we were putting our household property out the front, people were removing things.

"We couldn't believe it. They were circling like vultures. I don't know where these people came from. Fortunately the police were here. Our local beat team were able to intervene and I think they spoke to some people."

It is believed around five families will now have to move out of their homes while repairs are made. Steps are now being made to secure the houses in question.

Mr Bullock added: "We took the main hit in this street. The water damaged the back of the house, the garden, the garage and the retaining wall. We were upstairs when the water came down from between two houses at the rear of us.

"It came through our garden and garage and the force of it ripped off our wooden front gates and carried on down the street. The house has suffered structural damage and the floors have collapsed."

A torrent of floodwater from Barr Beacon Reservoir rushes down a road in Streetly early last Saturday

John Grahame and sons Jake, eight, and Scott, 23, survey the damage

Fears for town centre as Tesco car park to charge

INTRODUCING pay and display charges at the Walsall town centre Tesco could deter visitors from the town, it is feared.

The £55 million supermarket is due to start charging car park users from the end of this month.

The two-tier car park will remain free for a maximum of three hours for Tesco shoppers, but those who leave cars there for hours on end, such as commuters, face paying a fee.

Pleck ward's Councillor Dennis Anson, who was part of a designated working group reviewing car parking in the town, said he was concerned that bringing in pay and display could drive some people away.

He said: "It won't bring extra trade in. People may go and park in our council car parks if we are lucky but we are bound to lose a bit of trade coming into the town."

Walsall Council chiefs have been in talks with the supermarket for more than six months after drivers were found to be snubbing its car parks to use Tesco's free spaces.

Normal

One suggestion was to reduce parking to two hours, but this was ruled out.

It has not been revealed how the system will work. Some stores have machines to give out two tickets, with one to put in the car and another to obtain a refund for the parking fee when paying for goods at the till.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "As part of their commitment to managing their car park, Tesco are proposing to implement a new management strategy, in accordance with planning permission.

"Parking will remain free for three hours for users of Tesco and the ancillary shops but to other users it will operate like a normal pay and display car park.

"Walsall Council officers are in talks with Tesco to ensure that the new system is in place by November 30 with minimum disruption."

Debbie Lake with daughter Laura Jade

Daughter saves mother in coma

A WALSALL schoolgirl helped save her diabetic mother's life after she slipped into a coma.

Laura Jade Thacker calmly dialled 999 for an ambulance when Debbie Lake, suddenly took ill at home.

The 13-year-old carefully followed the instructions from the ambulance service operator to check for signs of breathing after Ms Lake, who has type one diabetes, passed out.

Mother-of-four Debbie, aged 38, said: "I am proud of Laura Jade. She was outstanding and I want to thank her for saving my life."

Modest Laura Jade, who attends Frank F Harrison Engineering College, said: "I think any daughter would have done the same. It was no big deal really. I love my mum very much. She is the best in the world."

Vow on care for crash boy Josh

STAFF at NHS Walsall say plans are being put in place to ensure that they can take care of a Willenhall youngster recovering from a serious car accident.

Last week The Chronicle reported how John Birchill, father of Josh Dudley, was hoping to raise £45,000 himself to keep the 10-year-old at private facility The Children's Trust in Tadworth, Surrey.

He feared NHS Walsall would not fund the rest of Josh's painstaking rehabilitation, which has seen him make a remarkable recovery from skull fractures, brain damage, two broken thighs and a collapsed lung.

Recognising

Following a meeting about Josh last week, a spokesman for NHS Walsall said that at no stage had any funding been withdrawn, nor had they set out plans to withdraw it.

"Recognising that Josh will come home at some stage, our aim is, and always has been, to ensure best possible rehabilitation support. Throughout Josh's recovery, local health, social care and education professionals have worked closely with colleagues at Tadworth to monitor his progress and plan his future care.

"As he recovers, we will put in place the support that he and his family need for him to come home. Until we are sure that all that support is in place, we will continue to fund Josh's care at Tadworth.

"That's always been the situation and has not changed as a result of today's meeting."

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Community champion Terry dies at 66

A COMMUNITY worker in Walsall who was given an MBE for his tireless work has died aged 66.

Tributes have been paid to Terry Edis, a driving force behind the launch of the award-winning Watmos Walsall management group. He was chairman of the resident-led housing co-operative, which comprises nine estates in the borough.

The great-grandfather died at home in Burrowes Street, Birchills, on October 3.

As well as Watmos, Mr Edis was also chairman of Burrowes Street Tenant Management Organisation and the National Federation of Tenant Management Organisations.

The retired salesman was awarded the MBE in 2008 for services to the community.

Empowered

Vice-chairman of Watmos, Len Duckhouse, said: "When Terry talked, you listened. He was that sort of person.

"He had the best for tenants stamped right through. I have known Terry for over 40 years, he was authoritative, supportive, funny and compassionate."

Mr Edis was married to Joan, aged 64, for 45 years. They are survived by daughters Melvina, aged 43, Emma, 33, and Sharon, 41, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Watmos chief executive Ursula Barrington said: "Terry's tireless energy and commitment to improving conditions for tenants had a lasting impact on hundreds if not thousands of people. He ensured people were empowered."

Terry Edis MBE

Businesses are keen to get a slice of bakery

A NUMBER of businesses are interested in taking over Walsall's Maple Leaf Bakery, giving hope to its 236 workers.

Several interested parties have inquired about the bakery, which is threatened with closure unless a new buyer can be found. Union bosses said they had been surprised at the level of interest in the Raleigh Street site in such a short space of time, putting it down to Maple Leaf's well-established reputation and skilled workforce.

Maple Leaf Bakery UK is pulling out of the sliced bread market to focus on speciality breads, such as bagels and croissants, made in Yorkshire.

Bosses and union representatives met last week to discuss the future of the workforce.

John Higgins, from the Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union, said: "Hopefully, it will be sold as a going concern because of its excellent reputation. It is so well known both in the town and in the industry.

Consultation

"There has been interest from a number of parties, but obviously there is nothing concrete yet. It is all very early days. We were surprised at the level of interest so quickly – but Maple Leaf has one of the best workforces in the Midlands."

The bakery has been in the town since the 1800s and produces Harvestime sliced loaves. But it has been struggling throughout the recession and has already made redundancies.

At the moment it employs 199 manual workers, 17 professional, 10 managerial, seven technical and three clerical. All of the staff are now in a 90-day consultation period.

Maple Leaf spokesman Paul Clipson said: "We are doing all we can to find a buyer and save employment."

If no buyer can be found for the bakery, it will close by March 31, 2012.

New maternity unit is set to open in spring

A SPECIALIST maternity centre where up to 1,000 women a year will give birth is set to open in Walsall by next spring.

The Homer Building, in Charles Street, has been selected as the preferred location for the birthing unit. It is due to open on Mothering Sunday next March once it gets the final nod from the Care Quality Commission.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust chief executive Richard Kirby said: "It is a really exciting development. It means we can offer a choice to the women of Walsall with a wider range of locations for them to give birth."

Bosses at Walsall Manor Hospital came up with the plan due to growing pressure on the hospital.

It is having to accommodate more births following changes to hospitals in Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

The new centre will include three dedicated birthing rooms, all capable of holding a birthing pool, a reflexology and consultation suite and a shared kitchen, dining and seating area. It would cater to women deemed to be having low-risk pregnancies.

In the first year, it is believed 600 babies will be delivered – but that could soon rise to 1,000 a year.

Resources at Walsall have become busier since the closure of Sandwell Hospital's maternity unit.

Christmas Kitty

A MIDLAND charity will be on hand to help shoppers pack up their goodies during a festive event at B&M in Willenhall. Promise Dreams will be joined by Hello Kitty and George Pig for the fun day at the Kingsway Park store on Saturday, November 26, from 9am-6pm. Visitors can enter a competition to win a festive hamper whilst the youngsters start their letters to Santa.

Five years for Czech driver in death crash

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A LORRY driver from the Czech Republic who sped through a red light on the A5 near Brownhills and ploughed into a couple's car, killing them both, has been jailed for five years.

Jurors ruled that Pavel Dolejs was driving dangerously when he caused the deaths of 29-year old Tony Malpass, and his partner, Walsall-born Joanne Beardsmore, aged 35.

Dolejs was going over the speed limit, had cut short his mandatory rest period and drove past the traffic lights on the A5, near Brownhills, "as though they were not there", Stafford Crown Court heard.

Crash victims Joanne Beardsmore and her partner Tony Malpass

Guilty driver Pavel Dolejs

The couple, who had two children and lived in Burntwood, were in their Kia Rio when it collided with the HGV near the Terrace Restaurant. A laptop was found in the cab and the jury was told Dolejs may have been distracted by it when he crashed.

The trucker denied being responsible for the crash on June 17 and tried to blame Mr Malpass by claiming the lights at the A5's junction with Ogley Hay Road were on green.

Witnesses said Mr Malpass had set off from the stop line after the lights turned green in his favour.

Judge Mark Eades told Dolejs: "The A5 is a long, straight road at this point, there was nothing obstructing your view, no reason not to notice the traffic lights.

Unanimous

"For some reason – and only you know the answer – you didn't appreciate there were traffic lights, you drove as though they were not there, until too late."

Dolejs was also banned from driving for five years and ordered to take an extended driving test.

Father-of-three Dolejs, aged 44, denied two charges of causing death by dangerous driving and two alternative charges of causing death by careless driving.

The family of Ms Beardsmore said afterwards that the three-day trial, which ended in a unanimous verdicts of guilty, had been agonising.

Joanne's mother Pat Williams, who is now caring for her children, aged 16 and 12, said: "Two people have lost their lives that shouldn't have done and it's left a massive hole in our lives.

"When the verdict was read out we broke down in to tears, we were holding on to each other. I felt numb."

Mrs Williams added: "I would like to thank the liaison officers for the help that they have given us."

Accident investigation officer, Sgt Ben Foster, said: "Dolejs has been found responsible for the deaths of a couple whose lives have been cut tragically short, leaving family and friends completely devastated."

Dancer Clare to lift tumblers

Clare Newton Shepherd limbers up for tomorrow's opening ceremony

A TWINKLE-TOED Walsall dancer is to take centre stage at an Olympic qualifying event tomorrow.

Clare Newton Sheppard, aged 15, is performing at the opening ceremony of the World Trampoline and Tumbling Championships at Birmingham NIA.

The Bloxwich schoolgirl, a pupil at Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School, trains at Walsall Academy of Dance, Butts Street, Walsall, several times a week and will be performing with 150 dancers at the NIA. Clare said: "I'm really excited about performing.

"My dance teacher, Christa Collard is part of a dance group called DNA and they are always taking part in opening ceremony performances, so that's how we got involved."

Last week's Chronicle told how fellow Walsall Academy of Dance members Madeleine Smith and Amber Millard had also been selected for the ceremony at the NIA event, which is a qualifier for London 2012 .

Council to shed a further 99 jobs

WALSALL Council is to axe 99 jobs next year under a raft of cost-cutting proposals. Redundancies will be being kept to a "minimum" and 20 of the posts are already vacant.

More than 400 council posts have already been lost this year as the authority cuts jobs to balance the books and save £65 million.

Walsall's finance chief, Councillor Chris Towe, said: "The things that people value will be looked after. We are not into cutting services, that is not what we do in Walsall.

"We try to make sure the posts that go will not impact on services. I value the staff as without the staff we can deliver nothing.

"Unfortunately there will always be casualties but we will keep them to a minimum," Councillor Towe added.

Concert raises £500

A WALSALL Lions Club concert was a roaring success, with 100 people attending and more than £500 raised for the needy in the town. Short Heath Singers and musicians treated the audience at Central Hall, Ablewell Street, on October 29 to a three hour show of musical medleys.

Action on speeding drivers

POLICE in Walsall have warned of a third day of action against speeding drivers in Beechdale this month after worried families complained.

In September, police installed electronic strips in three roads to monitor the speed of drivers, following concerns raised by residents.

Scores of motorists were clocked well above the 30mph limit in Stephenson Avenue, Cavendish Gardens and Reedswood Way. Some readings were as high as 90mph.

The police also had an action day last month in which 17 drivers were stopped in three hours.

Eight drivers were given speeding tickets and an uninsured vehicle was seized.

Sgt Christopher Jones of Bloxwich Police Station said another operation was planned for November.

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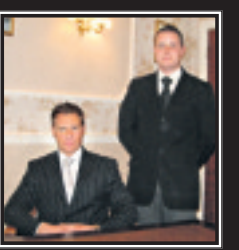

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£200 boost for group

NEW musical equipment has been bought for a learning group at Brownhills Methodist Church.

A mix of tambourines, triangles, claves, finger cymbals, wood blocks and maracas have been bought after a £200 donation.

The money donated from the Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Shelfield Area Partnership has also been used for a karaoke machine. The adult learning group for people with learning difficulties meets at the church every day.

Councillor Zahid Ali, cabinet member for communities and partnerships at Walsall Council, said: "It is fantastic the Partnership has been able to support the work of this group by donating some money for them to purchase this musical equipment which will ultimately enhance their daily life and make it more enjoyable."

Concern over education system

WALSALL'S Labour opposition leader has described education in the borough as "in crisis".

Councillor Tim Oliver spoke out following news that Serco, the private firm that runs education in the borough, may leave before its planned termination date in August 2013. Serco insists it is still working to this date, but Walsall Council, which ended the £345 million contract, said it had been approached with a spring 2012 get-out date.

Councillor Oliver said: "Education in Walsall is in crisis. When Serco goes, we'll have no centralised support mechanism for schools.

"Despite Labour's pleas over the years, the council renewed Serco's contract in 2008 and then failed to set up a borough-wide body to shadow it and oversee its work. The council has no Plan B to step in and take over the reins.

"The Conservatives have been in charge of the council since 2000, and they have spent hundreds of millions on this contract, but Walsall still remains towards the bottom of education attainment ratings for England and Wales."

A council spokesman said it was dedicated to improving educational standards, and more schools were becoming academies – a sign that things are improving as they can then manage their own affairs.

Councillor Tim Oliver

Burglar is is given a four-year sentence

A SERIAL burglar caught red-handed raiding a ground floor flat has been locked up for four years.

David Angel, of Bilston Avenue, Willenhall, pleaded guilty to burglary.

Angel has 16 convictions for burglary or attempted burglary in a criminal record going back 33 years, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Warren Stanier, prosecuting, said the 49-year-old was seen acting suspiciously by a Andrew Wilson in Garratt Close, Oldbury, earlier this year.

The court heard how the witness called the police and then called them again when he heard the sound of breaking glass, enabling officers to arrive quickly at the scene.

They went to the rear of the flat and caught Angel red-handed.

Mr Stainer said Angel admitted he had used a chisel to shatter a window.

Judge Nicholas Webb said the thief had an "appalling history of burglary".

He said: "You have not learned your lesson from past sentences," added the judge as he warned Angel that if he committed another burglary he was looking at a six-year jail term.

"If you do it again the sentences are just going to go up and up." Judge Webb added that Mr Watson should be awarded £100 from public funds for his "public spirited" actions.

Fuel thief, 21, ordered to pay compensation

A WALSALL man who siphoned more than £600-worth of fuel from lorries in Aldridge has been ordered to carry out unpaid work and pay compensation of £320.

James Sibley, aged 21, of Tamworth Close, Brownhills, targeted five HGVs at an industrial unit in Stubbers Green Road. They belonged to Lomas Distribution Ltd and Veolia Environmental Services, Walsall magistrates were told last week.

Mrs Maxine Jarrousse-Jones, prosecuting, said police were called after three people were seen running away from the site.

Supervision

"One vehicle had been subject to an attempted theft. A further four HGV vehicles had been attacked. Fuel caps had been removed and fuel stolen."

Police searched the area and found Sibley a short distance away wearing clothes soaked in diesel and covered in mud. He was arrested and admitted to officers he had siphoned the fuel and was going to sell it for £20 per drum.

Sibley admitted four charges of theft and one of attempted theft.

He was given a 12-month community order by the magistrates, with a supervision requirement and 100 hours unpaid work. He was also told to pay £320 compensation and £85 costs.

Show raises £9k for a new temple

A SHOW held in aid of a new Ravidass temple in Darlaston has raised more than £9,000 towards the cost.

The Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pinfold Street has been demolished and the will be rebuilt at a cost of around £1 million over the next 18 months.

The building project is being led by the town's Shri Guru Ravidass Cultural Association which held a fundraising night at Central Banqueting Suite, Vulcan Road, Moxley, last month which featured dohl drummers and singers.

Temple president Mr Ram Kishan Mehmi said the redevelopment was on track and members have already raised about £250,000.

Addict stole £82,000 from housing group

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A COCAINE-addicted senior financial manager of a housing association in Walsall who stole more than £82,000 from the business to fund his habit has been jailed for 18 months.

Steven Halford spent up to £1,000-a-day on drugs and turned to fraud when he fell into debt with his dealer, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The 26-year-old created false invoices at the Accord Housing offices where he worked said Mr David Lees, prosecuting.

Halford, who joined the organisation after leaving school with 10 GCSEs, took £82,663.51 over two-and-a-half years before the scam was discovered by an independent audit of housing association books in May, the court heard

The £15,000-a-year financial manager started smoking cannabis at the age of 16 and moved on to cocaine three years later. At one stage he was using both drugs, Mr Lees said.

Father-of-one Halford "vanished" for a couple of weeks after the auditors moved in but later came back to face the music and made a full admission after being arrested on July 20.

Trust

Mr Richard Quinn, defending, said: "He is the first to admit that he breached the trust of his employer. As a result of his addiction to cocaine he found himself in debt to dealers and could not resist the temptation of taking the money.

"The fraud became a vicious spiral and he was in the middle of it using £1,000-a-day worth of cocaine."

Mr Quinn added that since his arrest, Halford had tried to turn his life around and was now drug-free.

Halford, of Redstone Way, Lower Gornal, Dudley, who was of previous good character, admitted fraud by abuse of position. Recorder Malcolm Morse told him: "You are intelligent and capable of perfectly good work.

"You impressed your employer for whom you had worked for 10 years and in time you were promoted. You were given considerable responsibility because they trusted you."

The judge added: "This was a deliberate series of frauds over a long period of time involving a substantial sum."

Council set to charge traders for seating areas

MARKET traders in the Walsall borough are poised to be charged extra for putting out tables and chairs. Caterers who provide seating areas for customers could be hit with an additional charge of up to £5 a table on top of their daily rent.

Stallholders on the markets in Walsall, Willenhall and Bloxwich are charged between £15 and £40 depending on the pitch. Walsall Council says that rents will remain the same but the fee for tables and seats which take up any additional space is under review.

Tony Larner, chairman of the Market Traders Association, said he was concerned over extra charges for traders which could deter them from putting out tables and chairs for customers."

The potential charge comes as council chiefs insist that markets in the borough are performing well, with almost 50 new traders taking up spaces this year.

Forty-seven new traders have signed up to fill vacant stalls, 39 in Walsall, seven at Willenhall and three at Bloxwich. The smaller Bloxwich market, which has 40 stalls and runs three days a week, is now exceeding its income target.

Luke's impressive record

Luke Yates and just some of his 100 per cent attendance certificates

WALSALL teenager Luke Yates has left school having not missed a single day in 13 years.

Now aged 19, Luke clocked up his impressive record at Alumwell Infants School and then Alumwell Business & Enterprise College.

"In a way, I'm unlucky as I always get sick in the holidays," he said. "I just get on with things, there's no secret."

Luke, of Bassett Street, Alumwell, is now studying for a music diploma. "Hopefully, I will be teaching music within a year," said Luke

"I used to get a bit of teasing from my mates at school for being keen but I just took it on the chin. I intend to keep on going and transfer my 100 per cent record from school to work."

Grandparents Albert and Christine said they were very proud of the teenager and all his hard work.

Former cinema to become a pub

A BINGO hall and former cinema in Aldridge is set to be transformed into a new pub – creating 40 new jobs.

Pub company's JD Wetherspoon's plans for Gala Bingo, formerly the Avion cinema, were given the go-ahead by Walsall Council planners last week.

JD Wetherspoon is the pub company behind the scheme. The single-storey buildings at the rear of the site are set to be demolished to create an outdoor raised terrace for the pub. The remainder of the building will be refurbished, with a new roof, although conservation officers have asked for the historic Avion cinema sign to be kept in a bid to preserve character.

Unveiled

Bosses from JD Wetherspoon have agreed to take the recommendation on board, but gave no guarantees.

Parking at the neighbouring Morrisons supermarket will be extended, with 52 new spaces for pub-goers.

The plans were passed despite 17 letters of objection by members of the public with concerns including noise, anti-social behaviour and parking issues.

JD Wetherspoon has unveiled plans to take over the former Bulls Head pub, in Bloxwich, creating 40 jobs.

£750k conversion of former surgery

A FORMER doctor's surgery in Walsall will be converted into a wedding parlour following approval by council chiefs.

Bosses at the County Hotel are looking to make things easier for wedding couples by providing a 'one-stop' shop for weddings.

It is part of £750,000 refurbishment plans which will see landscaping, a pavilion, pagoda, fountain and lych-gate installed.

The proposals drew more than 30 complaints from neighbours to the site off Birmingham Road. A 21-name petition and 14 letters of objection were lodged with Walsall Council chiefs, including concerns over noise, traffic congestion and being out of character with the rest of the area.

Despite this, the council's planning committee went along with a recommendation to pass the plans. During the meeting, Paddock Councillor Rose Martin and St Matthews Councillor Mohammed Arif spoke out about residents' concerns. Councillor Arif said residents were worried about "amplified music", but applicant Ray Gilbert said it was not on the cards.

Cigarettes charge

A WALSALL man has been remanded in custody charged with harbouring contraband cigarettes.

Kelvin Flett, 32, of Westminster Road, Rushall, also accused of dangerous driving, appeared before Walsall magistrates last Thursday. The case was adjourned to December 2 .

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Traveller's tales in focus

CHINA and France are the next two places for Aldridge Photographic Society's travels as club member Andy Askey gives a talk tonight about his recent visits.

His China trips have been to study Chinese medicine and herbal medicine, with each trip taking in a different aspect – big city life with Bejing and all the rush and overcrowding; and the other aspect the rural and more simple country village life.

He also made trips to walk on the Great Wall of China and to see the Terracotta Army and great palaces from the past.

Andy's visits to France were to the less-known Basque region on the Spanish border in the south to photograph the wild landscape of small villages, mountains, rivers and valleys, where life has stood still for centuries. It involved very early morning starts and climbing up the mountains before daybreak to capture the mist and sunrise.

Visitors are welcome to attend from 8pm at Aldridge Community Centre, Middlemore Lane.

More details from 01922 685087.

Protection order for war memorials

ALL war memorials in Walsall and Wolverhampton and are to be forensically marked in a bid to halt the rising tide of metal thefts.

SmartWater, an invisible fluid that links metal thieves to the scene of the crime, is to be painted on the commemorative plaques.

In Walsall, this will include theft-plagued Barr Beacon War Memorial, which has become one of the most targeted monuments in the West Midlands. Its copper dome has been stripped by thieves four times since March 2010, with the last recorded metal theft before this dating from the 1960s.

Targeted

Plaques have been stolen from Willenhall Memorial and St Margaret's Church in Great Barr, while more than £1,000 had to be spent on repairs at Portobello Memorial.

Mick Webster, secretary of the Walsall branch of the Mercian Volunteers Regimental Association, said the wave of attacks on war memorials was causing a great deal of distress.

"It's very upsetting when these thefts happen because it is the desecration of a memorial," said Mr Webster, of Chuckery.

"Memorials should be untouchable."

The War Memorials Trust says that, on average, one monument is targeted every week by thieves.

Theft man preyed on job-hunt applicants

A WALSALL man created a bogus company to steal cash and bank details from people applying for jobs, a court heard.

Quayes Miahjee pretended to run a firm called Q+N and advertised job vacancies on the gov.com website.

The 25-year-old, of Bellman Close, Darlaston, encouraged tradesmen to get in touch by calling his mobile,, Walsall magistrates heard.

Mrs Maxine Jarrousse-Jones, prosecuting, said Miahjee arranged to meet men who called to inquire about the jobs, telling them they would need to pay a £50 administration fee in order to work for him.

The fraud was foiled after one of the men he met later became suspicious and Miahjee used his mobile phone to call police and claim he was being stalked by him.

Mrs Jarrousse-Jones said: "Miahjee said the company was his father's in Switzerland. He said he had sacked 25 builders, as they made mistakes, and wanted to replace them."

Arrested

Two men handed over the £50 fee and their bank details to Miahjee after meeting him. One of them, Ian Fowlie, was told to report for work the following Monday but grew suspicious after he found no trace of the firm online.

Mrs Jarrousse-Jones said Mr Fowlie rang Miahjee pretending to be someone else to set up an interview.

When they met, Mr Fowlie started questioning Miahjee, but he made excuses and walked away.

Mr Fowlie followed him and Miahjee rang the police from his mobile, claiming he was being stalked. When police arrived, they arrested Miahjee, realising he had called them from the same phone he had used for the job adverts.

A list of other men's names and bank details were seized.

Miahjee admitted four counts of fraud by false representation from October 25 to November 8.

Nigel Ford, mitigating, said there had been a degree of planning but it was not a sophisticated crime.

Miahjee was remanded in custody to be sentenced next Thursday, November 24.

Hundreds fight jobs shake-up

UNION chiefs are preparing for up to 1,000 appeals by members against the controversial pay shake-up at Walsall Council.

It emerged last week that more than 50 formal appeals, including some group complaints, had been submitted against pay changes.

Just under a fifth of the council's 7,000 plus workforce are earmarked for a pay decrease next year which could see some lose thousands of pounds a year.

Dialogue

Around 30 per cent have seen a pay rise come into force from this month as part of the national single status review. Those facing a drop have until December 16 to lodge a complaint. Employees who have agreed the new terms and conditions rather than be dismissed are still able to submit appeals.

GMB union spokesman Stuart Richards said: "Given the feedback, I think 1,000 individuals is realistic. There's a lot of unhappiness."

Personnel chief Councillor Chris Towe said: "We're maintaining constructive dialogue with trade unions who have worked closely with us."

Cheap car park forced to close

ONE of the cheapest and most popular car parks in Walsall town centre is to close at the end of this month after council chiefs won their long-running battle to shut it down.

It follows a planning wrangle of almost a year after the unofficial £3-a-day site opened in Lower Rushall Street without permission last December on a site once occupied by the Eylands factory. It costs £2 less than council-owned car parks.

An appeal was lodged, but a planning inspector has now ruled that the council can enforce closure.

David Elsworthy, head of planning and building control, said: "This public car park was set up without the required planning permission.

"The council issued an enforcement notice requiring the use to cease. An appeal was heard in October."

No-one at operator GT Parking was available to comment.

Apprentices proud to show off new flagship

A PIONEERING new Walsall school has been attracting national interest as its first apprentices settle in.Black Country University Technical College replaced Sneyd Community College in September and now offers science and engineering qualifications alongside the national curriculum.

The UTC caters for 14 to 19-year-olds, with students splitting their time between the school and Walsall firms including Promat BD, PP ElectricaSystems and EWL Engineering.

The school is one of the first UTCs in the country and, after it was announced that a further 13 will be built in the next three years, came into the spotlight with visits from Channel 4 News and BBC Radio 1.

Lord Baker, chairman of the Baker-Dearing Educational Trust, also paid the school a visit.

Principal Chris Hilton said the UTC had made excellent progress since it opened three months ago.

"We are delighted to have recently enjoyed high profile visits from Lord Baker, Channel 4 News and BBC Radio 1," Mr Hilton said.

"It is exciting for students and staff to be part of one of the first of a new breed of schools that are currently being introduced across the country."

The school currently has 140 students studying for a range of technical certificates, and revamping the building in Vernon Way, Bloxwich, is ongoing. A completion date has been set for September 2013.

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Learning

"The Black Country UTC provides an inspirational learning environment," Mr Hilton added.

"Our young people will be successful, make a positive contribution to society, have entrepreneurial skills and meet the needs of employers in the West Midlands."

Courses at the UTC have been shaped by companies such as Siemens and National Grid and students will get the chance to complete assignments set by firms before presenting their findings to company bosses.

The school is being supported by lead sponsor, Walsall College and co-sponsor, University of Wolverhampton, as well as receiving the full backing of Walsall Council.

Chris Hilton, principal of Black Country University Technical College

Tom Robinson watches a lathe in action at the new UTC in Bloxwich

Tom Robinson receives detailed instruction from apprentices tutor David Blest

Front left, Bobby Tunstall, Ryan Chadwick, Liam Flinagan; rear, from left, Kieran Lee, David Wilkinson, apprentice tutor David Blest, Jason Bott and Tom Robinson

Training base for construction firm

OFFICES are to be transformed into a training centre for a construction company in Walsall.

Plans to turn offices and in-house training rooms of Barhale Construction, in Wallows Lane, into a base which can be used for external workers have been agreed by council planners.

A maximum of 50 people will be trained at the site at any one time in health and safety, management training and IT skills. It is expected to operate from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Police go on email

TOWNSFOLK with concerns in neighbourhoods across Willenhall can now contact police through email. Send emails to willenhallsouth@westmidlands.pnn.police.uk to contact officers covering the town centre, Spring Bank and Little London areas.

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Students take account of money matters

ASPIRING financiers at a Walsall primary school have opened their own community bank.

Ryders Hayes School, in Gilpin Crescent, Pelsall, launched the bank to help pupils learn how to save.

Older children took part in a series of applications and interviews to take up their roles.

The bank is being staffed by 10 and 11-year-old pupils, and youngsters can deposit between 20p and £20 in their accounts.

The scheme was set up with the help of staff at Santander, in Aldridge, who will monitor its progress.

Experience

There will be a weekly banking session run by a team of pupils, school staff and a representative from the bank.

Bank manager is Sam Pearson and the assistant manager is Alice Templeton.

They held a meeting with Nick Walker, aged 20, of the Aldridge Santander branch, before half term, along with the newly-appointed cashiers to organise their training in preparation for the launch of the project too weeks ago.

The bank staff were provided with embroidered blazers donated by school uniform store Clive Mark, in Park Place, Park Street, Walsall.

Ryders Hayes head Jo Speller said: "It is hoped that it will promote life-long habits of good money management and an appreciation of the value of money."

Mr Walker praised the pupils for their enthusiasm for the scheme which he said would help them with money management and give them work experience at an early age.

The young bankers with Santander's Nick Walker

Bereaved offered new help by church

A WALSALL church is launching a new monthly bereavement support group today (November 17).

Vicar of St Martin's Church, in Sutton Road, the Rev Simon Bickersteth said: "As a church we have felt for a long time that there is a real need for a bereavement support group.

"The aim of this group is to provide a space where anyone who has been bereaved can come and meet other people who have experienced loss, to know that they are not alone in what they are going through, and to find mutual support and comfort."

One of those who is involved with the support group is Peter Mackenzie, who recently lost his wife Millie after 56 years of marriage.

"When Millie died I was shocked with disbelief," he said.

"I tried to deny that she had passed away to avoid the pain that subsequently followed. I had guilty feelings and remorse over things I did or did not do with my loved one.

Benefitted

"Frustration gave way to anger, and I asked 'Why has this happened to me? and I became depressed."

Mr Mackenzie attended the bereavement support classes that have been held in the run-up to today's launch, and told how he has benefitted after speaking to other bereaved people and learning of their feelings and emotions.

The new support group will be meeting on the third Thursday of every month from 11am to noon.

The group is co-ordinated by the Curate of St Martin's Church, the Rev Phill Ball. It is free and open to anyone who has been bereaved.

For more information, email phillip ball53@hotmail.com or call him on 01922 634341 or 07775518879.

Meal sizes to be reduced for young pupils

SMALLER school dinners are now being served up across Walsall to tackle the borough's childhood obesity problem.

The move comes after it emerged reception class pupils were being served the same size portions as those of 11-year-olds.

A leading councillor has welcomed the move, saying "it's not rocket science."

There are more than 720 reception-age children who are overweight and obese in the borough and more than 1,000 Year 6 pupils.

Dangerously

Councillor Anthony Harris, cabinet member for leisure and culture, said: "This is about ensuring that the size of school meal portions are appropriate for children at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It's not rocket science.

"Meal portions for infant children should be slightly smaller than a larger meal offered to older children to support their growth spurts."

Walsall Council set up a special working group to tackle the weight problem.

Across the region there are estimated to be more than 4,500 dangerously overweight schoolchildren.

Youngsters flying high with the RAF

THREE Walsall teenagers have won awards with the RAF. Elisha Jackson, Charlotte Etchells, both aged 14, and 17-year-old Carina Selvey have each won a silver Crest award.

The trio, members of Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets, spent a week training at RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire .

Glynn Dean, course organiser, said: "We run several courses of this kind each year to give young people a glimpse into the career possibilities in the Royal Air Force.

"All of the girls on this course have spent a week with RAF personnel looking at everything."

The course gave the girls a chance to complete an intricate logistics plan for an RAF expedition as their coursework.

OAP cradled his dying wife after car hit her

Patricia Gardner

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A WALSALL man whose wife was knocked down as she retrieved shoes from a motorway told her inquest how he cradled her in his arms as she lay dying.

Pensioner Patricia Gardner was fatally injured as she and husband Barry were on their way to a holiday on the Isle of Wight on June 25. A bag of shoes fell from their car's roof rack on the M40.

The 64-year-old ventured on to the carriageway in Warwickshire to pick it up. The driver of the silver Ford Escort that hit Mrs Gardner, Alan Wall, said there was nothing he could do to avoid the former administrative secretary.

Mr Gardner told the Oxfordshire Coroner: "I heard a bang, I did not see it, I heard it.

"I went over and put my arms around her, I was holding her and saying 'keep going', but the paramedics said 'she's gone' and they led me away."

Swerve

Mr Gardner, aged 74, said: "I had no idea she was going to do it. I would have said 'no you don't'."

The contents of the red bag fell from the couple's Mazda 2, spilled across two lanes and forced drivers to swerve in a bid to avoid them, the inquest heard.

Mr Gardner said he saw the items fall from the roof in his driver's mirror and pulled over on to the hard shoulder with the intention of calling the police.

Mr Wall said: "I was confident I was going to miss the person in front of me, I was concentrating on keeping control of the car and not risking a skid by going into an emergency stop."

Coroner Nicholas Gardiner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

After the inquest, Mr Gardner said: "She was one of the best."

Flood of A&E patients to be sent to Manor

HUNDREDS of extra accident and emergency patients will be treated at Walsall Manor Hospital after troubled Stafford Hospital was forced to close its A&E at night over safety fears.

The Mid-Staffordshire trust approved plans for temporary closure of A&E at the dangerously-under-staffed hospital between 10pm and 8am from December 1.

The closure is expected to affect more than 830 patients a month, with more than 460 patients expected to be sent to Walsall Manor and to Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

It has been claimed the closure of Stafford's A&E could cost lives and will add to the workload at Walsall and Wolverhampton during the busiest time of the year.

Richard Kirby, chief executive at Walsall Manor, said the trust would be looking at the implications, adding: "We'll continue to work hard to ensure these changes do not impact on the quality of care we provide to patients".

Chief executive of the Mid Staffordshire Trust Lyn Hill-Tout said: "This is a very difficult decision and we have made it on the grounds of safety."

Awards for staff at housing group

STAFF at Walsall Housing Group have won two prestigious awards from the Chartered Institute of Housing.

The first recognised the work of the housing group's regeneration team and its New Opportunities for Walsall scheme. The team won the Making A Difference Best Practice Award .

The second award went to Mark Causer, a technical specialist working at the housing group's income collection team. Mr Causer picked up the education prize for outstanding achievement as the best post-graduate student. He was awarded a distinction in his master of arts degree in housing from Birmingham City University.

Bike boost for rider Thomas

Thomas James, aged 17, pictured here with his new motocross bike which has been supplied by his sponsor, Geartec in Burntwood

A BUSINESSMAN has come to the aid of a Walsall student by sponsoring his new motocross bike.

Thomas James has been given a Suzuki RM-Z450 by Paul Mason, director of Geartec Commercials, in Chase Terrace.

The Walsall College student has been riding since he was five and Mr Mason says the new bike, which cost around £6,000, will help Thomas during the next 12 months as he looks to boost his name in the sport.

"I did it myself many, many years ago and I know his dad, so we decided to give him some help and put something back."

Thomas, from Great Wyrley, will wear advertising for Geartec across his shirt and bike. The 17-year-old art and design student is a member of the The Amateur Motor Cycle Association.

The organisation is one of the oldest off-road motorcycle governing bodies in the world, established in 1932 in the West Midlands.

It caters for riders of all ages and abilities from a child just starting out to those still competing in the modern and classic versions of the sport.

New homes plan could be shelved

PLANS for 65 homes in a village near Bloxwich may be axed if the strength of opposition among residents is sufficiently high, it has emerged.

Hundreds of people turned out at a two-day exhibition when the plans for Essington were unveiled by Shareshill company Jack Moody PLC. If residents are against the proposals for the land off Hobnock Road, a planning application will not even be submitted.

Development bosses say if an application is put forward and accepted, it would include a bowling green, two junior football pitches and a mixture of 65 two, three and four-bedroomed houses and bungalows. The project would also include 24 allotments, a play area and a youth centre as well as car parking to accommodate visitors to the facilities as well as the adjacent St John's Primary School.

Recycling offer on inhalers

PEOPLE with respiratory illness in Walsall can now recycle their inhalers for the first time as part of Complete the Cycle, a groundbreaking respiratory inhaler recycling scheme by Glaxo SmithKline (GSK)

Two hundred Co-op pharmacies are now offering the service in partnership with GSK and TerraCycle UK.

The innovative scheme aims to cut the environmental impact associated with disposing of respiratory inhalers. It is hoped that within a year more than 69,000 inhalers across England and Wales could be saved from landfill, preventing the release of inhaler propellant, which is a greenhouse gas.

Inhaler recycling branches include The Surgery, in Leckie Road, Walsall; Darlaston Health Centre, Pinfold Street; Stephenson Square, Beechdale; and Scott Arms, Great Barr.

Ref at breakfast club

FORMER Premier League referee and Walsall policeman Alan Wiley has been invited to be the guest of Walsall Business Breakfast Club today (Thursday). It takes place at Walsall College, Littleton Street, from 7am until 9am. Visit www.blackcountrychamber.co.uk for more details.

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Shelly Bray, centre, with south India orphanage boys in their Walsall Housing Group strip

Football kit gift joy at India orphanage

YOUNGSTERS at an Indian orphanage have discovered the beautiful game after being presented with football strips, balls and goalposts from sponsors including Walsall Housing Group (whg) and the Saddlers.

Shelly Bray, whg community champion, and 11 colleagues spent 10 days working in Adhra Pradesh, southern India. The volunteers, all members of

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The Church on the Corner, in Bentley, Walsall, focused their efforts on Mercy Mission, which includes an orphanage, school, health centre, workshop, Bible training college and church.

The housing group donated football shirts and £200 while others, including Walsall FC and individuals from the community, contributed footballs, boots and goalposts so the children could enjoy the sport.

Mother-of-two Shelly said: "The children were so happy when we gave them the sports equipment and soon tried the shirts on for size. Since coming home the teaching staff have emailed us to say the boys are always playing football at break times."

The visitors spent much time decorating the orphanage, which accommodates several hundred youngsters in cramped conditions, and teaching.

Shelly said: "It really opened my eyes. It was wonderful and upsetting all at once. The people – adults and children alike – were amazing, joyful characters, but their opportunities to make better lives for themselves seemed bleak.

"I'm determined to go back with my own daughters in time so we can help as a family."

Red route on town ring road is completed

THE final phase of a red route along the Walsall ring road has now been fully completed. The restrictions have been rolled out on the Broadway and Broadway West from Birmingham Road to Junction 9 of the M6 and back to Rollingmill Street.Work started on September 19 and finished last week.

The red route only allows for stopping and waiting at certain locations. Double red lines have been added to help stop random stopping in and around junctions.The measures aim to reduce congestion.

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Axe robbers terrify PO cash van driver

An axe blade is brandished in the face of the driver, right

A robber escapes from the post office with £23,000

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TWO masked men armed with an axe robbed a Walsall post office, escaping with £23,000. The balaclava-clad robbers pounced on a delivery driver dropping off cash boxes off at Blackwood Road, Streetly

The raiders grabbed the driver from behind and held the axe inches from his face. The owner of the post office told how the crime unfolded in a 30-second blur.

"It just happened so fast," said 29-year-old Suki Dhillon.

"I was really shaken up but I was more concerned about the delivery guy.

"They grabbed the cash box and the key that we had just given him and ran straight out just as quick as it happened.

"I can't believe it – Streetly is such a nice area."

Garry Cross, aged 62, who owns Streetly Stores next door, said the community was in shock following last Friday's 9.15am raid.

"A guy yelled through the door that somebody was robbing the post office. I dialled 999 and someone outside got the car number.

Everyone

"I'm surprised that this happened here because the area is lovely, but I'm not surprised in another way because it's just the times we live in. The good thing is that everybody here looks out for everyone else."

Detectives were later seeking a black Renault Megane, GR55 BDH.

West Midlands Police said: "A Post Office van was attacked by two males and a cash box was stolen.

"The two men, described as white males wearing balaclavas, threatened the driver of a van, took the cash box and made off in a car."

Police seek facts on theft

THIEVES stole a car worth £3,500 from the driveway of a Darlaston home.

The dark blue Vauxhall Corsa was driven away from the front of a vacant house in Rough Hay Road, Rough Hay, at about 8.45pm on Friday, November 5.

A £500 car radio and a £150 Tom-Tom were also stolen. The registration number is FH02 VXF.

The incident has been reported to West Midlands Police, and anyone with information is urged to call 0345 1135000.

Wallet snatch in town alley

POLICE in Walsall have appealed for information after a man had his wallet stolen in an alley.

The 38-year-old had the Lacoste wallet containing money and cards taken on October 26 while walking in an alley between South Street and Wednesbury Road, Caldmore.

The robber is slim, 6ft, of mixed-race, and aged between 25 and 30. The police number is 0345 113 5000.

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Lest we forget our war heroes

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Walsall Coronets lead the parade of standard bearers

A few of the crosses planted around the memorial

Words and pictures by Stuart Williams

HUNDREDS of residents of Bloxwich, Blakenall Heath and Leamore gathered for the annual observation of the nation's traditional act of remembrance and to see a parade to honour fallen UK servicemen and women of all wars and conflicts.

Participants in the parade assembled outside the former Bull's Head pub in Park Road and marched off at 10.20am, led by the Walsall Coronets band.

They went along High Street to the War Memorial on the corner of High Street and Elmore Green Road where large crowds were gathered for a service of Remembrance at 10.40am.

Local veterans and cadets marched proudly behind the standards of the Royal British Legion and other ex-services organisations, and were followed by youth groups including Bloxwich Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides and Brownies, representatives of local organisations, and local councillors.

The people of Bloxwich were welcomed by Revd Phil Hoar of St John's Methodist Church, who together with the Rector of Bloxwich, Revd Roger Williams of All Saints Church and licensed reader Margaret Wootton, also of All Saints, read out the Bloxwich and district Roll of Honour for the Great War and the Second World War.

Veterans' standards grounded to mark the two minutes silence

Preceded by bells from All Saints Church, Drum Sergeant Alf Cooper, Staffordshire Regiment (retired) bugled The Last Post to herald the traditional two minutes silence at 11am.

Honour

Standards lowered by both veterans and youth groups, and the clergy subsequently led those assembled in prayer and hymns to both honour the fallen and to pray for future peace.

The service concluded with the national anthem and the laying of wreaths by local dignitaries, including Bloxwich councilors and representatives of the armed and civilian services and other organisations. Individuals, including many youngsters, then proudly placed crosses and poppies for fallen relatives and friends.

This year's event was very well supported, with perhaps the best turnout for several years, and onlookers were impressed by the large and increasing number of young people who proudly joined the veterans in the parade, notably smartly turned-out army cadets and other youth groups carrying flags including Bloxwich Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides among them.

Other groups were represented including the Royal British Legion, Rotary Club of Bloxwich Phoenix, Bloxwich Fire Station and Bloxwich police.

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Some of the many wreaths laid at Bloxwich War Memorial

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School governor and ex-mayoress dies, 61

Lyn Staffiere, whose funeral is next Monday

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former Walsall mayoress and long-standing school governor who has died aged 61.

Lyn Staffiere was described as an "exceptional woman" who was mayoress to Councillor John Cook when he was mayor in 2005.

Widowed Mrs Staffiere, of Cheniston Road, Willenhall, leaves behind sons Ian, Thomas and James.

Involved

"She was a loving and caring mother who always supported us in the choices that we made," James Staffiere said

Short Heath ward's Councillor Cook paid tribute to Mrs Staffiere, who died after a period of illness.

"Lyn was a very good friend of the family who offered to be mayoress during my year in office as my wife and daughter were unable to do it. She wanted to attend all the functions and was 100 per cent involved in the role," he said.

"She enjoyed representing the people of Walsall and worked very hard. I couldn't have done it without her."

Together, the pair raised £12,665 for their two chosen charities, Walsall Breast Cancer Self Help Group and Acorns Children's Hospice.

Mrs Staffiere, whose husband Steven died in 2008, worked as an administrator in the Liberal Democrats' town hall office, followed by a stint in the education service.

She was also chair of governors at Pool Hayes Arts and Community College and New Invention Junior School.

A funeral service will be held at St Andrew's Church in Bentley on Monday, November 21, at 1pm, followed by cremation at Bushbury Crematorium.

Cigarette haul man locked up

A WILLENHALL man has been jailed for 18 months for helping to smuggle four million cigarettes.

Customs uncovered the haul, which would have flooded the illegal market and lost £964,000 in duty and VAT, in a sting operation at a farm.

Ryan Fellows, aged 33, of Giles Road, was caught unloading the lorry at Old House Farm, Woodseaves, near Stafford.

He was being helped by driver Denis Freeman, while a third defendant, Ian Wells, stood by. Officers were keeping watch on the farm when a van hired for cash by Wells in Lichfield that day turned up, followed shortly afterwards by the lorry.

During a trial at Stafford Crown Court,

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Wells claimed he knew nothing about the cigarettes and had only been asked to do a courier job, while Freeman said he thought the boxes contained animal feed. But a jury found them guilty.

Fellows admitted dealing in goods on which duty had not been paid. Mr Adam Western, defending, said the cigarettes were not his client's, but he accepted his involvement at a lesser level.

Wells, 40, of Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, was jailed for 12 months and Freeman, 63, of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, for two years.

Judge Mark Eades said they had been "oiling the wheels of the black market".

Poetry day at art gallery

A FUN-filled day of art, poetry and literature takes place at The New Art Gallery Walsall next week.

The event begins at noon on Saturday, November 26, with an artists' book and independent publishing fair, poetry readings, talks by experts and children's art workshops.

Ioannis Ioannou, the gallery's audience development curator, said: "We have put together a fabulous day, just before the Christmas craziness of shopping, that brings together artists' books, poetry, creativity and materials.

"We're really pleased to have organised our third artists' books fair, which has become an institution."

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Bank worker stole OAP's funeral cash

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A WALSALLbank worker stole thousands of pounds of funeral cash from an elderly customer's account, a court heard. Jenny Addis, aged 23, admitted theft and will be sentenced next month.

Jenny Addis, a banking adviser at Halifax, in Park Street, abused her position by transferring £3,000 from the account of a pensioner to her own grandmother's. She then pocketed the cash, Walsall Magistrates were told last week

Mr Jason Corden-Bowen, prosecuting, said victim Eileen Potter, who shares the same surname as Addis's grandmother, Maud Potter, had intended the funds to pay for funeral costs.

An investigation was sparked by a number of suspicious bank transactions and when Eileen Potter found that her cash was missing.

Addis had also carried out searches on customers with the same surname as herself and her grandmother's.

Temptation

Addis, of Ennerdale Close, Clayhanger, Brownhills, was arrested, and told police she could not remember making the transaction on February 16, Mr Corden-Bowen said.

"Addis was in financial difficulties and used the £3,000 for her own purposes."

He said Eileen Potter had been reimbursed by Halifax.

Mrs Sheila Hicklin, mitigating, said Addis had been in a "very dark place" at the time and had been experiencing financial difficulties.

She said: "She had a close relative in Hastings who was very sick and she was travelling there regularly. She succumbed to temptation."

Addis was bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on December 6.

Jenny Addis outside Walsall Magistrates' Court

Two stars for child service

CHILDREN'S services in Walsall have been given a two-star rating by Ofsted.

After the annual assessment of services for children and young people, inspectors gave the same rating as last year. The top rating is three-star.

The large majority of services inspected are good or better overall, according to a report. But some areas were earmarked for improvement, including the below average performance of some secondary schools and sixth forms.

Action ordered at derelict pub

A DERELICT pub in Walsall could be knocked down within two months.

The owner of the vandal-hit Lane Arms , which has stood empty for more than two years, would either have to make it safe or knock it down.

Walsall Council planning chiefs agreed last week to apply to the courts seeking enforcement action against the owner of the pub in Wolverhampton Road West.

Frances Westwood, celebrates her 100th birthday with her son Geoffrey, front left, and fellow family members at Manor House, Walsall

Salvation Army stalwart reaches 100th birthday

A GRANDMOTHER who spent her life helping the Salvation Army in Willenhall has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Frances Westwood reached the milestone last week and was joined by with friends and family at Manor House, Walsall, where she has lived since 2006.

She grew up in Acorn Street, Willenhall, and moved to New Hall Street after she married Leslie in 1941. Her husband, who worked for more than 30 years as a locksmith, died in 1993, aged 72.

Since she was a teenager, Mrs Westwood helped Salvation Army in Willenhall and was honoured when she became a life member.

She has one son, Geoffrey, and two grandchildren, Mark and Kirstie. She said: "I've had a good life. I've enjoyed seeing my grandchildren grow up and have been to both of their weddings."

Frances and Leslie Westwood on the wedding day in 1941

Stroke of praise for swimmers

A WALSALL father and his swimming team have picked up three national awards for their fundraising and sporting efforts.

Paul Bates and Big Rick's Swim Team raised £17,000 this year for The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

The 43-year-old, of Harpur Road, organised an English Channel relay swim with the team which he set up in memory of his close friend Mark Rickhuss.

Father-of-two Mr Rickhuss, of Darlaston, died of a heart attack while swimming the Channel with Mr Bates in 2005.

The team won the fundraiser of the year award at the Kellogg's ASA Swimtastic Awards in Sheffield last week. It also picked up The British Heart Foundation Team of 2011 award.

At the Channel Swimming Association dinner in Dover, it received a trophy for the fastest six-person relay team for 2011.

Mr Bates has been nominated for a Mayor's Award for outstanding sporting achievement.

Time for sport fund requests

ORGANISATIONS in Walsall still have time to apply for up to £2,000 in funding to encourage young people to get active.

Groups are invited to apply for funding from the Sportivate scheme, which aims to provide opportunities for 14 to 25-year-olds who do not usually participate in sport. The deadline for applications is 5pm on November 21. For information, call Walsall Voluntary Action on 01922 619840.

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St Michael's Church School, Maple Road, will open its doors at 6pm next Friday, November 25.

Admission is by donation which also enters guests into a word hunt competition.

There will also be a grand draw with £100 to give away as well as two adult tombola stalls, face painting and refreshments.

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Hannah McDonald, left, and her sister Jess Watts, both going for beauty titles

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Big sis joins Jess in bid for top titles

WALSALL teenage beauty queen Jess Watts has persuaded her 21-year-old sister to join her on the catwalk. This Sunday, November 20, the sisters have entered the Model of Year competition in Norwich.

Jess, aged 16, who is Walsall's Teen Model of the Year 2011, is competing in the teen category, and 21-year-old Hannah McDonald is in the older category .

When Jess won Miss Teen English Diamonds last month in Manchester, she proudly stated that her sister, Hannah McDonald, was her role model.

"Hannah has been there for me all my life and helps me with everything. She has helped make me who I am today," Jess said.

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"She always supports me at every pageant helping me backstage.

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Hannah tearfully heard this from in the audience and since then Jess has convinced Hannah she should join her on the catwalk."

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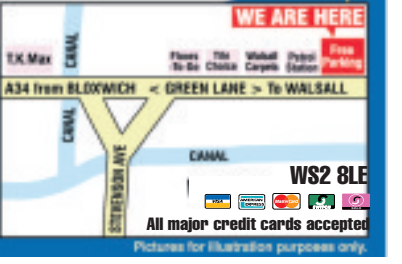

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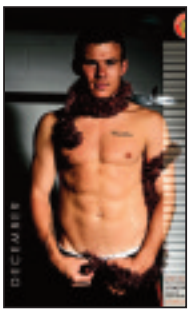
A new side of Andy Butler

Skipper Butler, action man

Monthly dates with beefcake

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EVERY football follower knows it's a game of two halves – and the same now applies for Walsall FC's calendar for 2012. Fans can either display traditional month-by-month images of Saddlers players in their kits – or flip it over for topless photographs.

Images include shirtless club skipper Andy Butler as Mr December, complete with red tinsel, and Alex Nicholls as Mr February in the gym.

What a shot ... Walsall striker Nicholls, aged 23

Other players who took part were Manny Smith, Anton Peterlin, Lee Beevers, Richard Taundry, David Grof, Kevan Hurst, Darryl Westlake, George Bowerman, Olly Lancashire and Jon Macken.

Club spokesman Dan Mole said: "We've never produced our own calendar, so we thought we'd make one with a bit of a twist.

"There were a lot of last minute sit-ups and push-ups before the photoshoot as the lads made sure they were looking their best."

Images include the players on the pitch, in the changing room and working out in the gym. The calendar is on sale at £9.99 from www.walsallfcstore.co.uk and from the club shop.

Action by noise and dust firm

A WILLENHALL scrap firm with a history of being served with enforcement action over noise and dust will now be able to move some of its work indoors.

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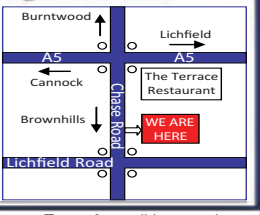

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Thief takes mum's Christmas savings

A WALSALL pickpocket stole £200 from a single parent who had been saving for six months to give her children a special Christmas. The thief struck in Home Bargains, Bloxwich, leaving 22-year-old Rachel Bullock devastated.

West Midlands Police are hunting the culprit and are looking for a woman spotted on CCTV who may be able to help in the investigation.

Mother-of-two Rachel, of Arkwright Road, Beechdale, Walsall, said: "It took me so long to save up the money and just a minute to take it away. I have no idea what I am going to do for Christmas now – it's devastating."

Rachel, mother of Kyle, aged four, and Keeley, two, had loaded up with a scooter and a bike at the Samuel Street store before heading to the checkout.

Jacket

When she reached the till, however, she was panic-stricken to find her purse was missing from her bag.

Rachel added: "I was buying a bike and a scooter for my children so someone must have noticed that and realised I had some money on me.

"Then I looked in my bag and just burst into tears. I didn't know what to do. It's a lot of money to lose at this time of year."

The woman spotted on CCTV footage is white, aged about 25, with dark hair in a bun. She was wearing a brown leather-type bomber jacket and skinny jeans.

Anybody with information is urged to call Pc Teri Timmins on 0345 113 5000.

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TALENTED youngsters at a primary school in Brownhills are celebrating after a restaurant agreed to sponsor their craft club.

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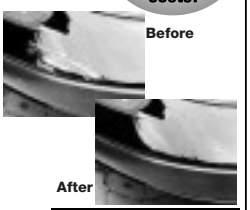

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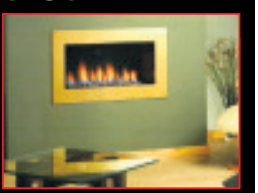

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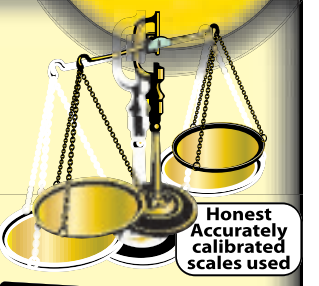

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Start date for £27m school

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BUILDING work on a £27 million school in Darlaston was due to start this week.

Grace Academy, in Herberts Park Road, is being rebuilt, creating extra classrooms and new sports facilities.

The work will swallow up half of neighbouring George Rose Park and will be carried out by Kier Moss plc.

Councillor Paul Bott, Independent representative for Darlaston South, said: "I'm glad to see work starting.

"It's a positive thing that gives kids the opportunity to learn in a top-class environment.

"With the ongoing regeneration of Darlaston, it's only going to improve the town as a whole.

Complaints

"With unemployment and particularly youth unemployment as it is, it is important that youngsters have the best education they can."

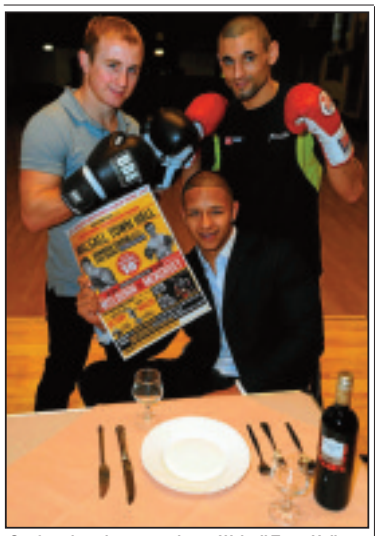
Grace Academy, sponsored by evangelical businessman Bob Edmiston, replaced Darlaston Community Science College in 2009.

An Ofsted report earlier this year said the school had made "remarkable improvements" since becoming an academy.

There were initial complaints by townsfolk in Darlaston about the new school building taking over 52 per cent of George Rose Park.

But £300,000 has been ploughed into the park as part of the development.

The cash is being used to create skate ramps and a zip wire as compensation for the loss of green space.



Set for a knock-out evening at Walsall Town Hall are Chris Truman, left, Gary Ramsay and Martin Gethin

Friday fighting feast

HUNDREDS of boxing fans are expected at Walsall Town Hall tomorrow (Friday) for a night of knockout entertainment.

Dudley's Jason Welborn will slug it out with Coventry's Sean McKervey for the Midland welterweight title and Walsall's fighter Martin Gethin takes on Arek Malek, from Poland.

Guests will be treated to a three-course meal and live music from The Establishment. Tickets cost £55 including the meal and £30 just for the boxing.

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Community efforts tidy up town centre

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SHOP fronts have been spruced up, graffiti removed and daffodil bulbs planted in a tidy-up around a district of Walsall

Projects for Brownhills included a clean-up of land at the rear of Silver Court

Jet washing of Brownhills High Street pavement has also taken place, as has the cleaning of the bollards and litter bins and painting and cleaning of shop fronts by businesses.

Funding has come through the Prince's Trust, Community Payback Team, Walsall Housing Group and Walsall Council.

Together

Other organised events included a litter pick along the canalside by members of Brownhills Local Committee, the maintenance of fingerpost signs and planting of 8,000 daffodil bulbs by local school pupils on Chester Road North.

Walsall regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "Our district centres are very important to us and we want everyone, both residents and visitors, to be proud of them.

"It is great to see lots of different agencies, together with businesses and schools, pulling together to make a real difference in their community."

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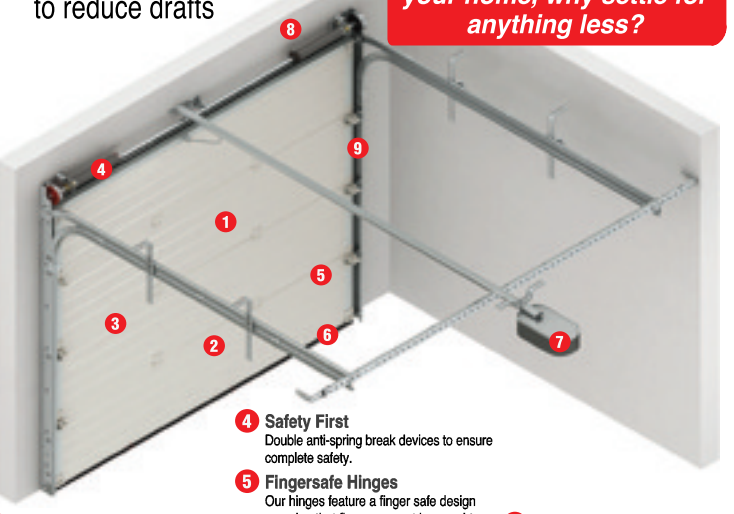

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Butcher Paul Foster hands over a cheque to Amanda Cox from Acorns Hospice

Wasp victim mourners help charity

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THE funeral of a popular veteran butcher from Aldridge who died after being stung by a wasp has raised almost £1,000 for Acorns Children'sHospice.

Alan Foster died on the way to Walsall Manor Hospital after being stung in his shop,Alan Foster's Family Butchers, in August.

Mr Foster, who was 72, had been in the trade since the age of 15 and now the High Street shop, which opened 26 years ago, is being run by his nephew Paul.

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There were no floral tributes at the funeral as mourners were asked to donate to the hospice, which has branches in Walstead Road, Walsall, in Worcester and in Birmingham.

Collection tins on the counter have also been filling up and Paul presented a cheque for £974.94 to Amanda Cox, of Acorns.

Paul said: "Alan's funeral helped raise so much money which was a fitting tribute to his memory."

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Mrs Wilkes, aged 40, has been in the dog grooming business for 23 years and set up her own company 12 years ago.

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Slava's Snow Show, Birmingham Hippodrome

SEND in the clowns . . . Slava's Snow Show was the perfect antidote for a gloomy atmosphere of November darkness and economic woe, allowing the audience to escape to dreamland for a precious couple of hours.

The dream belongs to Slava Polunin, a leading Russian clown who has devised – though seldom now performs in – this spectacular, globetrotting show.

On its third visit to the Hippodrome, another member of Slava's collective of brilliant fools, Artem Zhimolokhov, took the central role of Asisiai, the little everyman clad in oversized yellow overalls who shuffles about in fluffy red slippers. Just by raising his eyebrows he won over the audience ,who delighted in his antics, whether chugging around the stage in a steaming top hat, apparently shrinking at will, or, in a most magical scene, bringing a hat and coat on a stand to life.

This funny-sad character has a poignancy, the very first time we see Asisiai he has a noose around his neck, and pulls on the rope only to find another clown in a noose at the other end. These Russian clowns have a dark current of fatalism.

At other times members of the audience were doused in water or buried in confetti 'snow' by the troupe of mischievous mac-wearing clowns, who walked over the seats to bring their anarchy right into the auditorium.

The most memorable moments of the Snow Show are the three big set pieces; a cobweb that envelopes the entire audience, an awesome indoor blizzard and audience members discovering their inner child when the theatre is turned into a giant ball pit.

No wonder Slava's unique show is so well loved . . . except, perhaps, by the cleaners who have to clear away all that 'snow'.

Leon Burakowski

Reginald D Hunter Birmingham Alexandra Theatre

MANY comedians use fleeting television appearances to offer bite size chunks of what to expect on their stand-up tours, hoping to flog a few tickets in the process.

Reginald D Hunter certainly isn't one of them.

As the American freely admits at the start of his performance, the cuddly TV persona is exactly that, with his stage 'act' a much more serious and deep-thinking affair.

Frequent appearances on Have I Got News For You and QI have brought Hunter national acclaim but it's on stage where his true personality comes out and the difference is refreshing.

The show certainly isn't for the faint-hearted, with no subject or swear word off limits.

Reg's take on life, shaped by a combination of being brought up in America's Deep South followed by 15 years touring the UK comedy circuit, is charming and he quickly has the audience captivated.

Childhood stories, scientific theories, British racism and relationship advice are all approached with a unique slant.

The only downside would be that some gags don't quite come around quickly enough, with Reg's mantras occasionally too drawn out, although often when the punchlines came they were worth the wait.

Tim Spiers

Keeler, Grand Theatre

SHE was that naked bird on the chair – that's how Christine Keeler thought virtually everyone would remember her after the 1960s sex scandal which led to the resignation of a Government minister.

But after seeing Keeler at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, I think what many of the audience will also remember is the superb performance by Paul Nicholas in the role of Stephen Ward.

Ward was a well-paid osteopath who was also addicted to a Bohemian lifestyle of picking up girls and visiting clubs and drug dens.

He was a society fixer who made it his business to provide powerful men with easy access to young girls.

Ward was 48 and Christine Keeler just 16 when he saw her dancing in a club.

He befriended her and another dancer Mandy Rice-Davies and paid the rent on a flat for them.

His particular favourite for grooming was Christine.

Nicholas showed Ward's manipulative character and as producer/director as well, he managed to get across the total seediness of the world he lived in.

Alice Coulthard as Christine demonstrated the level of naivete needed to convince in the role of a teenager who was so in awe of the rich and powerful she was persuaded to sleep with older men.

One of them was War Minister Jack Profumo and, while sleeping with him, she also had an affair with a Russian military attaché based in London.

This was the time of the Cuban missile crisis when America and Russia were as close to nuclear war as any countries ever have been.

Ward pushed Keeler into sleeping with Profumo and Eugene Ivanov to see if she could find out any Cold War secrets which would be useful to him as a man with a finger in many pies.

The whole affair came crashing down when Ward was charged with living off immoral earnings.

He was abandoned by the high society friends he craved and killed himself.

Keeler lives quietly in anonymity and Rice-Davies, in her own words, has descended into respectability.

Keeler, which includes full frontal nudity, runs until Saturday.

Sue Attwater

Buddy, Birmingham Alexandra Theatre

CAPTURING the feel of 1950s' America, Buddy at the Alex is a bio drama telling the story of Buddy Holly's rise to fame to his final legendary performance before his untimely death at the age of 23 in a plane crash.

This exciting nostalgic show has high energy dance routines, brilliant spot on costumes and an exceptionally talented cast of actor-instrumentalists who all give excellent performances.

A cardboard collage of 50s memorabilia is cleverly used and creates a serviceable backdrop to the journey.

Singing almost identically to the great man, Roger Rowley delivers a phenomenal performance, dramatically as well as vocally.

His image and facial expressions, along with his exceptional vocals while beautifully recreating those thrilling little guitar solos, are superb.

The fun part of the show is provided by Melissa Keyes ,whose over-the-top character is hilariously funny.

Rave On, That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue and True Love Ways received loud cheers from the audience, who gave a much-deserved standing ovation.

Les Jowett

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The Brownhills Colossus, by John Spragg

Acorns at Park Hall Lake, by Umair and Manal Asim

Late summer near Lazy Hill Road, Aldridge, by Linval Blackstoick

Farmland at Ryders Hayes, by Carole Small

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A ghosty moon over Aldridge, by Andrew Blakemore

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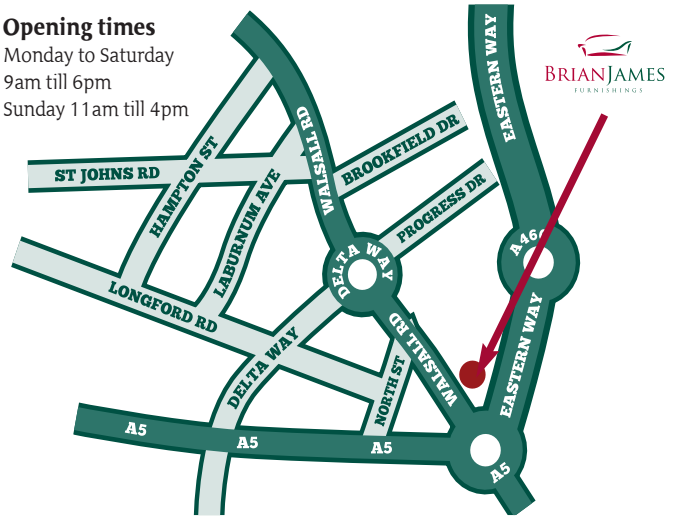

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Carol Elmore and her husband Mathew outside Walsall Magistrates' Court

Neighbour in 'pervert' insults is sentenced

A NUISANCE neighbour who harassed a grandfather in her street after he put up CCTV cameras to deal with anti-social behaviour has been given a restraining order by Walsall magistrates.

Carol Elmore lived opposite David Corser in Tyler Road, Willenhall. He put up the cameras after suffering anti-social behaviour. But Elmore, aged 37, believed he was filming her children and started calling him a paedophile, Walsall magistrates heard.

Mrs Maxine Jarousse-Jones, prosecuting, said the harassment, between January and June, had caused 51-year-old Mr Corser, a part-time caretaker, great stress.

Elmore, who now lives in Gypsy Lane, Willenhall, pleaded guilty to harassment without violence on November 3. Last week,, magistrates gave her a 12-month community order, which includes supervision and 40 hours of unpaid work.

She was also given a restraining order preventing her from contacting Mr Corser and his family for 12 months, and must pay costs of £100.

In June this year, she appeared at Walsall County Court where she was made the subject of an anti-social behaviour order after neighbours had complained about her.

Car park charges to drop

COUNCIL chiefs say they are confident reduced parking charges in Walsall town centre will boost trade when they come into force later this month.

The discounted four-hour stay fees and cheaper prices on under-used car parks are being introduced from Monday, November 28.

Changes

They were initially expected to be in place at the start of the month, but Walsall Council had to go through a statutory process and advertise the changes.

The three-month trial will see charges at the poorly-used Ward Street and Dudley Street car parks reduced from £5 to £3.

Four-hour parking fees in all town centre car parks will also be reduced by £1 to £2.80.

Spies nab 39 cheats

SECRET spying powers have been used by Walsall Council 39 times in the past six months to catch out benefit cheats, sick leave cheats and traders selling alcohol to children.

In the majority of cases, covert surveillance was used to investigate of anti-social behaviour.

Use of the powers by the local authority has fallen over the past three years.

Flytipping

From April 2008 to March 2009, surveillance was used 119 times. This fell to 96 in 2009-10 and 67 from April 2010 to March 2011.

For the six month period from April this year to September this year, seven cases were related to housing or council tax benefit investigations, 11 were trading standards matters such as test purchasing, flytipping and littering and 20 were for anti-social behaviour enforcement.

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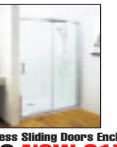

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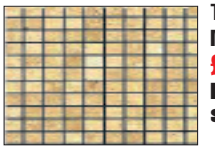

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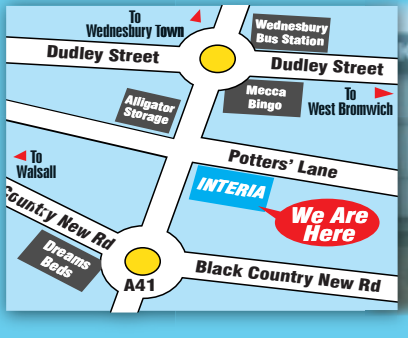

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Motor along to CS Live

CLOTHES Show Live, the UK's biggest fashion and beauty event, returns for its 23rd year with even more fashion, beauty and shopping than ever from December 2-7 at Birmingham's NEC.

With hundreds of leading fashion and beauty brands, non-stop catwalk shows, hair and beauty demonstrations, leading industry experts and the UK's favourite celebrities, it's the ultimate girls' day out. And what's more, you could be going for free!

Clothes Show Live in association with Suzuki has joined with the Chronicle series to give 27 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show. Whether looking for the latest, cutting edge fashion; glamorous catwalk shows featuring not-yet-seen designer collections; the perfect opportunity to pamper and relax; and much much more – this year's Clothes Show Live is bigger and better than ever.

Celebrities

Benefit, GHD, Lipsy London Beauty, Lee Stafford and Eylure are among the well known and best loved fashion and beauty brands to shop from; while X Factor resident hairdresser Jamie Stephens, celebrity stylist Karl Willett and Clothes Show veteran Caryn Franklin will all be on hand to give demonstrations and their vital advice about the industry.

Don't miss the UK's favourite celebrities and musical icons including: Alexandra Burke; TOWIE's Lauren, Maria, Kirk, Joey, Arg and Harry; Her Majesty & The Wolves feat. Pussycat Doll Kimberly Wyatt; Jeff Brazier; girl band Parade and a host of Hollyoaks stars as they appear across the shows stages and bars including the Diet Coke Image Catwalk.

Catch stylish duo George Lamb and Grace Woodward presenting in Clothes Show Live's famous Suzuki Fashion Theatre.

Here Clothes Show Live entwines fashion and music featuring performances from Her Majesty and the Wolves featuring Kimberly Wyatt in an original themed catwalk show. This year's theme is A Night At The Department Store and you can see more than 40 models and dancers perform an awe-inspiring spectacular in collections from top designers and find out what really happens when the lights go out in your favourite shops.

● For more information, visit www.thenec.co.uk and for tickets, which start at just £27 (plus booking and transaction fees), go to www.theticketfactory.com.

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HOW TO ENTER

To stand a chance of winning simply answer the following question:

What is the theme for the catwalk show?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name, address and contact number (only one entry per household) to Clothes Show Live competition, Chronicle series (editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Tuesday, November 22. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

KEEP FASHION LIVE 365 days a year

Clothes Show has launched the new mobile phone app for iPhone and Android users: Clothes Show – Keep Fashion Live.

The app ensures glamorous goddesses have fashion at their fingertips 24/7, 365 days a year. It is packed with the latest must-know news; celebrity blogs; expert styling and beauty tips; street style photographs direct from the UK's most fashionable cities and exclusive shopping offers.

It is free to download from the Clothes Show hub, clothesshow.com, or directly from the App Store for any iPhone users or the Android Marketplace for Android users. The Clothes Show App is what the fashion-pack are all lusting after this season – just search Clothes Show Live – Keep Fashion Live.

Festive fun in this chocolate heaven

WHAT better way to get into the festive spirit than a tasty family day out with that added bonus – chocolate.

Cadbury World is getting into the Christmas spirit this winter and has joined forces with the Chronicle series to give away tickets to 12 lucky families for a fun-packed day out.

Every weekend from Saturday, November 19, Santa Claus will be flying in from the North Pole to take up residence at the Bournville-based attraction, where children will have the chance to meet him and receive a free gift.

Cinderella will also be making an appearance and getting her glad rags on to perform in a pantomime in the Cadbury World marquee.

This enchanting 30-minute production, complete with original songs and plenty of jokes, promises to be lots of fun for the whole family.

Treats

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HOW TO ENTER

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This Government scheme is available on selected plots at Bloor Homes' Satchwell Grange development in Wednesbury.

Bloor Homes Sales Director Anne Cadman says: "For qualifying purchasers, Homebuy Direct offers an excellent opportunity to get that first foot on the housing ladder. We have a range of homes that are available under the scheme and our sales advisers can give you all the information you need but buyers will need to hurry as there are limited plots available on this Government backed scheme."

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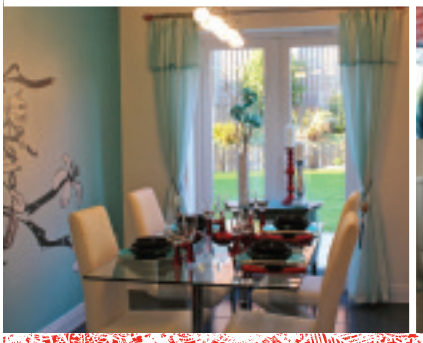
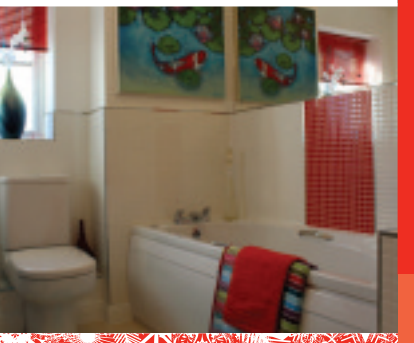
For details of which plots are available on the Homebuy Direct scheme call our Sales Advisor Pat at the sales offices on 0121 505 1812 (open daily except Tuesday)





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Connie, 10, a Youtube sensation with single

Connie Talbot, currently enjoying success with her new songs previewed over the internet, practices at her home in Middleton Road, Streetly, Walsall

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CONNIE Talbot is the little girl from Streetly with the big voice –and her star shows no sign of fading as she releases her new single later this month.

The 10-year-old penned Beautiful World when she was seven and will be releasing the track on iTunes on November 28.

Voices

A demo of the song on YouTube had more than 11,000 views in its first 24 hours and was the 39th most watched music video worldwide that day.

Mum Sharon said the Blackwood Primary School pupil, who made her name on Britain's Got Talent aged six, was enjoying music more and more.

"Everything is going really well," said Mrs Talbot.

"Connie is enjoying things more and more and is getting more creative by the day.

"The single is coming out on the 28th and then Connie will be performing with the Young Voices choir at the MEN Arena in Manchester in January."

Connie has also posted a video online of her singing Adele's hit Rolling In The Deep, which has now been watched a staggering 4,684,445 times.

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Hit comedy with a festive flavour

Stars of Season's Greetings at the Grand

FURTHER to the play's recent sell-out season at the National Theatre, Bill Kenwright presents a brand new production of Alan Ayckbourn's hit comedy Season's Greetings which opens in Wolverhampton on Monday, November 21.

The story picks up at Christmastime at Belinda and Neville's house – a time for family and friends to come together and celebrate the festivities. But with one frustrated wife, a seductive stranger, two eccentric uncles and a mechanical monkey, it soon turns into an explosive festive treat.

Season's Greetings star lady is Glynis Barber perhaps most recently known as EastEnders' Glenda Mitchell who first shot to fame as in the 80s hit TV series Dempsey and Makepeace.

She appears alongside Denis Lill, star of the TV drama The Royal; Ricky Groves, who played Gary Hobbs in EastEnders; Mathew Bose who was Paul Lambert in Emmerdale and Christopher Timothy, best known for portraying James Herriot in All Creatures Great and Small .

Season's Greetings opens at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Monday, November 21 and runs until Saturday, November 26. There is a matinee on Wednesday, November 23 at 2.30pm, with evening shows starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced from £10 to £25, with concessions available. Phone the box office on 01902 42 92 12 or go online at grandtheatre.co.uk for further details.

Stars are set to shine at NEC memorabilia festival

CELEBRITIES from across the UK will be congregating this month at the Winter Memorabilia Show at the NEC, Birmingham.

Movie stars, television personalities and sporting legends will be meeting fans and giving autographs, alongside a huge range of special guests and exhibitors.

A number of cast reunions will be taking place from TV series such as cult British comedies Only Fools and Horses and Hi-de-hi.

This year's guest list also includes Kai Owen from Torchwood, Sir Derek Jacobi from The King's Speech, Bruce Boxleitner from Tron and Babylon 5 and Bruce Davison from X-Men.

Among sports stars signing autographs and meeting fans will be former footballers Roy Keane, Denis Law, Trevor Francis, Ken McNaught from Aston Villa's 1982 European Cup Final winning team, and ex-heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon.

There's even a special Doctor Who appearance as Colin Baker, the sixth Doctor, Arthur Darvill, Rory Williams, Kai Owen, Rhys Williams, will be among the special guests at the show.

Experience

Other Doctor Who stars attending Memorabilia include Doctor's companions Katy Manning, Deborah Watling, Louise Jameson and Sarah Sutton, while Frances Barber, William Gaunt, Marshall Lancaster and Chester Durrant, all of which have appeared in the series, will be making appearances.

In addition to all the star guests, there's a chance to experience the special Battlefield 3 Operations Outpost which is themed around the critically-acclaimed shooter game which is on everyone's lips at the moment.

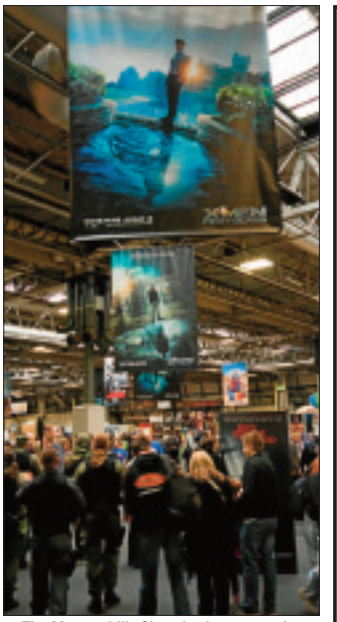
As well as showing the game on a giant 103in screen, the outpost will provide five other console gaming stations and a pair of PC gaming stations in addition to the Get in the Game station where Memorabilia visitors can have their photo taken in a Battlefield 3 scene.

For creative types, the show also features the Comic Village where comic creators, artists, writers or fans can meet and gain insight into new creations, as well as guidance and advice on a project.

The show is open to the public from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, November 19 and from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, November 20.

For more details log on to the website at **www.the nec.co.uk**

Fun for all the family at the show



The Memorabilia Show is always popular

Live laughter on the cards

THERE will be plenty of funny business going on in our region in the new year with several of the UK's favourite comedians announcing dates at West Midlands venues.

The biggest news, which has already caused a stampede at the box office, is the return of Billy Connolly to the live arena and he's playing relatively intimate venues compared with some of the mega-barns favoured by the latest big names in comedy.

The Big Yin may be better known these days for his travel documentaries but as anyone who has attended one of his gigs will tell you, he is a master of the rambling anecdote and, at his best, is the best in the business.

The Glaswegian funnyman brings his The Man Live to Birmingham for shows at the Symphony Hall on February 24 and 25, and is at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on March 2 and 3.

Welsh wizard of leek-based humour Max Boyce brings his stories and songs to Birmingham Town Hall on February 18, while Jimmy Carr ignores his Gagging Order to bring his 16th and 17th shows to the Symphony Hall at either end of next summer, on May 3 and August 24.

Robin Ince, Professor Brian Cox's co-presenter of Radio 4's The Infinite Monkey Cage, will prove there are laughs in science at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on February 8, and Paul Merton stops his globe-trotting to return to his improv' roots in Out Of My Head at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on April 7.

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LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT
Channel 5, 9.25pm

Robin Williams guest stars in the 200th episode. The story begins as a restaurant manager is following the instructions from a phone caller, forcing him to make certain demands on an employee, who later complains to the police. The manager then claims he was being ordered by a Detective Milgram – who doesn't exist. Instead, the police suspect it's a pseudonym for audio engineer Merritt Rook, despite the fact he has an alibi for his whereabouts at the time. Eventually Stabler and Benson think they have enough evidence to prosecute him, but Rook is found not guilty.

BBC1

9.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. **11.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.00** Football Focus. **12.30** Match of the Day Live: Burnley v Leeds United (Kick-off 12.45pm). **4.00** A Question of Sport (R). **4.30** Catchphrase TV (R). **5.00** The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson (R). **5.40** Final Score. **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.15** Children in Need 2011 Highlights.

8.15 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host this week's show live from Wembley Arena, where the eight remaining couples perform in front of 6,000 fans on Strictly's big-gest-ever dance floor.

9.45 Merlin. The young warlock finds himself drawn to a distant village.

11.00 Crossing. Ruth helps a woman come to terms with her husband's terminal illness, while Dylan and Sam enable a teenage mother to keep her baby. With Susan Hampshire and Michael Jayston.

11.40 The National Lottery Saturday Night Drama. OJ Borg announces the all-important numbers.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Week of the Day. Including highlights of Swansea City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

10.35 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast (R). **12.55** Film: The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle (1939). Foot-based drama, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. **4.45** Film: The Sky's the Limit (1943). Musical romantic comedy, starring Fred Astaire and Joan Leslie. **7.05** Harry Bikers' Best of British (R). **8.30** Great British Food Festival (R). **9.10** Flight (R). **10.30** Film: Seven Years in Tibet (1997). Foot-based drama, starring Brad Pitt.

7.10 Dad's Army. Mainwaring gets his sights on Frazer's savings. (R)

8.00 Double Agent: The Eddie Chapman Story. Ben Moxhity's tells the story of British double agent Eddie Chapman, who integrated himself so successfully into Nazi Germany's affections he was awarded the Iron Cross. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry is joined by Bonni Amorosi, Dave Gorman and Lee Mack and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference.

9.45 Pop Ups. Maggie gets an opportunity to meet the president.

10.15 Pop Ups. Laura compromises one of Kate's CIA missions in Burma.

10.45 Short Work. The efforts of a group of dwarfs trying to get into the entertainment business.

12.05 Film: The Station Agent (2003). Comedy drama, starring Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson and Bobby Cannavale. **1.40** Later with Jools Holland – The Sound of 2011 (R). **2.40** Close.

ITV1

9.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.15** CITV. **12.15** Coronation Street. **10.15** This Morning Saturday. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989). Comedy, starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter. **2.40** Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997). Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **4.45** Film: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007). Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. **6.10** Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 The Chase. Comic John Thomson, broadcaster Carol Vorderman, actress Sue Cleaver and TV presenter Paul Ross pit their wits against quiz genius the Chaser in a bid to win a charity cash prize.

7.15 How You've Been Framed! Featuring marital mishaps.

7.35 Harry Hill's TV Burp. A comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

8.15 The X Factor. With the final just three weeks away, the pressure is on for the remaining acts to provide their best performances yet in the seventh live studio round. Hosted by Dermot O'Leary. The results can be seen tomorrow at 8pm.

9.30 Fun & Celebrity: Get Me Out of Here! Highlights from the jungle.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.35 FILE: Deep Blue Sea. (1999) Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows.

12.30 The Cube. (R) **1.15** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Kojak. (R) **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **3.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius: 'Blade Runner'. The Paralympic gold medallist explains his motivations. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. (R) **7.15** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.45** The Morning Line. **8.30** T4: Smallville. (R) **9.05** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.30** T4: Inside SETV: From Bedroom to Boardroom. **11.30** T4: The Saturdays: Album Chart Show Special. **11.50** T4: Freeze Festival 2011. **12.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **7.10** Come Dine with Me. (R)

8.00 Jamie's Great Britain. Jamie Oliver visits a popular curry house in Leicester. (R)

8.55 Channel 4 News.
9.05 Weather.
9.00 World War II: The Last Heroes. A re-creation of the Allies' arrival at the River Rhine. Last in the series.

10.00 FILE: Knowing. (2009) Premiere. An astrophysicist decodes a page of numbers revealing the dates of disasters and tries to prevent them happening. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage.

11.50 FILE: The Butterfly Effect. (2003) Supernatural thriller, starring Ashton Kutcher.

1.40 Film: Fedtak. (1973) Drama, starring Dhritiman Chatterjee. **3.40** Love Me Or Leave Me Alone. (R) **4.35** Without a Trace. **5.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **6.40** Countdown. (R) **7.10** The Hoobs. (R)

Channel 5

9.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Gadget Show (R) **11.00** Highland Emergency (R) **12.00** London: The Inside Story (R) **12.30** Dangerous Drivers' School. (R) **1.30** Film: McQ. (1974) Crime thriller, starring John Wayne. **3.00** 5 News Weekend. **3.35** Film: Cahill, US Marshal (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. **5.10** Film: The Searchers (1956) John Ford's Western, starring John Wayne.

6.15 An Audience with Ken Dodd. Comedy and entertainment from Knotty Ash's favourite funnyman, as he celebrates his long career in showbusiness with the help of an all-star audience. (R)

7.15 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are drawn into a series of psychological games by an engineer with a hatred of authority. Hard-hitting drama, guest starring Robin Williams.

8.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A dismembered body is delivered in boxes to a charity shop, and as the team examines the pieces, aches are found in the victim's mouth. Guest starring Ginger Christina Milian. (R)

11.15 NCIS. The team exhumes the body of a Marine. Thriller, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **1.00** Great Artists. (R) **2.15** Divine Designs. (R) **2.40** County Secrets. (R) **3.00** Hands Helpline. (R) **3.30** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **3.55** Thomas & Friends. (R) **4.05** Ready the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
6.00 All Star Family Fortunes 5.00 The Cube 6.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals 6.25 Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) 8.15 Homes from Hell 9.15 Black Eyed Peas: The Hot Deck 9.30 The Xtra Factor 10.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp

ITV3
6.00 Film: Agatha Christie's A Caribbean Mystery (1983) 6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.30 Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
1.00 Live Snooker: The Power Snooker Masters tournament from Event City in Manchester. 4.30 30 Goals That Shook the World 5.30 Police, Camera, Action! 6.00 Live Snooker. Further coverage of the Power Snooker Masters tournament 9.30 Film: Jaws 3 (1983) 11.30 Film: Assassins (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel 7.05 Children in Need: 50 Greatest Moments 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News: Extra 9.45 Children in Need: Rocks Manchester 11.50 American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 Art of America 9.00 The Killing I 11.00 The Slap 11.55 Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
3.25 Made in Chelsea 4.20 Film: Home Alone (1990) 6.25 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Mission Impossible II (2000) 11.30 Film: Good Luck Chuck (2007)

FILM4
3.20 Cheyenne Autumn (1964) 6.25 Dreaming Lhasa (2008) Musical drama, starring Jamie Foxx and Beyonce Knowles. 8.00 Four Lions (2010) 11.00 Dog Soldiers (2002)

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THE X FACTOR

ITV1, 8pm

The 2011 series has been a hit-and-miss run so far, possibly because most of Simon Cowell's energy has gone into the arguably superior X Factor USA. The likes of American singers Rachel Crow and stunning diva Melanie Amaro have already blown much of the UK competition out of the water, but on the plus side, we've still got host Dermot O Leary, who remains one of this show's greatest assets. Once more, judges will be providing comments on last night's events, before we find out who the public voted off, and there is a performance by chart-topping star Rihanna, who helped LA Reid whittle down his acts as a guest judge on the American version of The X Factor.

BBC1

9.00 Breakfast. **12.00** Match of the Day (R) **1.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. **3.00** Escape to the Country (R) **4.00** Frozen Planet. (R) **5.00** Lifeline. **5.30** Points of View. **6.15** Songs of Praise.

9.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

9.15 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison visit Cranborne Chase in south-west England.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing. The results announced, and Jessie J and James Morrison perform a duet.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From Seaton Delaval Hall in Northumberland.

9.00 Garrow's Law. Garrow defends two women accused of destroying silk looms.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.15 Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You. John Torode and Gregg Wallace co-host an epi-code from May 2011. (R)

11.10 My Favorite Joke. Featuring the Two Ronnies, Freddie Starr, Blackadder and Tony Hancock. (R)

11.50 FILE: Ruthless People. (1986) A couple kidnap a tycoon's wife, but find they are not cut out for crime. Comedy, with Danny DeVito and Bette Midler.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.55** Question Time. (R) **2.55** Holly City. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Food Revival. (R) **12.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.15** Flog It! (R) **2.00** Live ATP World Tour Finals Tennis. The opening day from the O2 in London. **5.00** Rugby League.

9.00 Final Shower on George Formby. A profile of the entertainer, who was arguably the biggest star in Britain during the 1930s and 40s.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond debate which company has made the greatest number of exceptional cars, and Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

8.00 How to Build a Super Car. The construction of McLaren's MP4-12C road car.

9.00 Frontline Medicine. Part one of two. How modern warfare brings about medical innovations.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of Chelsea v Liverpool.

11.10 Football Locos. Featuring Wayne Brady, Ruth Bratt and Justin Edwards. (R)

11.50 Never Eat the Broccoli. With Alice Cooper, Olly Murs, Stretch 32, Buffalo Hound and Penny Smith. (R)

12.50 FILE: Source of a Sexual Hatred. (2008) Drama, starring Ewan McGregor.

1.50 BBC News. **2.10** Close.

ITV1

9.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **9.25** CITV. **9.45** Monk. (R) **10.10** Horrid Henry. (R) **10.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **10.30** Supermomd. (R) **10.40** Finger Tips. **10.50** Film: Curious George. (2006) Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Will Ferrell. **12.45** Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **1.45** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.20** The X Factor. (R) **3.45** Midsomer Murders. (R)

9.05 Regional Programmes.

9.15 ITV News; Weather.

9.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. A comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

7.00 The Crime. A builder and a 24-year-old mother take part, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000.

8.00 The X Factor. Rihanna performs in the studio, and Dermot O'Leary announces the results of another public vote. Plus, all the backstage drama from the seventh live studio round.

9.00 Fun in Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! One of the famous faces must face a live Bushtucker Trial, competing to win something a little more appetising than bacon food rations for the rest of the hungry campers.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FILE: Crash of Flight 93. (1979) Drama, starring Phil Daniels.

11.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **12.05** Motorsport UK. **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.00** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

9.15 Adidas Terrex Coast to Coast. **9.00** Freeze Festival. **7.00** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson 'Magic Numbers' (R) **7.55** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.55** T4: Battlefront. **9.55** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Professor Green Unseen. **11.45** T4: Live and Lost Parade. **12.00** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.00** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Kirstie's Handmade Britain. (R) **3.00** Grand Designs. (R) **4.15** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Film: Grease. (1978) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

7.55 Channel 4 News.

7.55 Hollyoaks. A Muslim medical student shares his opinion on abortion counselling.

8.00 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall accepts a challenge set by a local pub landlady to produce meat-free meals at affordable prices. He also takes two of his sheep to slaughter.

9.00 The Secret Millionaire. Businessman Mike Greene tries to change the lives of young people in Peterborough, helping out at a project for homeless youngsters and a city farm.

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. With Lady Gaga, Peter Kay, Dannii Minogue and Ed Sheeran.

11.10 FILE: Cocktail. (1988) Drama, starring Tom Cruise.

12.15 American Football Live. New York Giants v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 1.20am). **1.15** Freesports: on 4. (R) **2.15** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Golf. (R) **3.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

9.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **9.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **9.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **9.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **9.50** Castle Farm. (R) **9.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **10.05** Rastamb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** The Save-Uned. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.55** Hamish Helpline. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.25** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **10.10** Animal Families. (R)

10.00 Inside Hollywood. **10.05** Highland Emergency. (R) **10.55** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.55** Paul Merton's Adventures. (R) **12.55** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.55** Fairground Attractions. (R) **2.55** Film: My Dog Skip. (2000) Foot-based coming-of-age drama, with Frankie Muniz. **4.15** 5 News Weekend. **4.40** Film: Young, Mine & Ours. (2005) Comedy, starring Dennis Quaid.

5.15 FILE: Jackie Chan's The Medallion. (2003) Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan.

6.00 FILE: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life. (2003) Action adventure sequel, starring Angelina Jolie.

10.00 FILE: Bordertown: Ridge. (1986) Action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

12.25 The World of Stupid Criminals. **1.15** Super Casino. **2.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** UEFA Europa League Football. **5.00** Hamish Helpline. (R) **5.30** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

2.00 Film: Jack Frost (1998) 4.05 The Xtra Factor 5.05 The Planets: Manifest Attitude 5.05 Film: Innerspace (1987) 8.00 Grimalights: 0.00 The Xtra Factor 10.15 JLS: The Hot Deck 10.20 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.00 Film: Alexander (2004)

ITV3

1.55 Foyle's War 4.00 Film: A Little Princess (1939) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 0.00 Lewis: A woman's murder is copied from the pages of a novel. 11.05 Hornblower

ITV4

1.00 Live Snooker: The Power Snooker Masters quarter-finals. 4.20 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 20 Managerial Appointments That Shook the World 6.00 Live Snooker: The Power Snooker Masters semi-finals and final. 0.00 Film: The Kingdom (2007) 11.15 Film: Pink Cadillac (1989)

BBC THREE

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes: 2 The Sequel 7.30 Film: The Incredibles (2004) 0.00 Gavin & Stacey 10.00 American Dad! 10.45 Family Guy 11.20 Him & Her

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Story of British Pulse 8.00 Symphony 0.00 BBC Four World Cinema Awards 2011 10.00 Film: White Material (2009) 11.40 Janet Jackson – Taking Control

E4

4.40 Sorority Girls 5.40 Scrubs 6.40 Film: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) 0.00 Family Tales: Uber Frankie 10.00 Misfits 11.05 Total Academy

FILM4

2.55 Carry On Sergeant (1958) 4.05 The Cassandra Crossing (1976) 7.00 The Man (2005) 8.50 Deep Blue Sea: Interview Special 0.00 Flashpoint (2008) The lives of four diverse characters intertwined across parallel universes. Fantasy drama, starring Ryan Phillippe, Eva Green and Arthur Darvill. 10.50 Bronson (2008)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Track to Coach. 2.00 Live ATP World Tour Finals: Tennis. 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 MasterChef: The Professionals. 9.00 The Choir: Military Wives. 9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Fear. (R) 11.50 How to Build a Super Car. (R) 12.50 BBC News.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinsons' Real Deal. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Ade in Britain. 5.00 Best Dish: The Chefs. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Little England. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Real Crime with Mark Austin: Fallen Angel. 11.35 The Zoo. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Champions League Weekly. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 3.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock: 'Hit the Ground Running'. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 The Secret Millionaire USA. 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Drop Down Menu. 1.30 Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson: 'The Dancer'. (R) 2.35 Film: Avalanche Express. (1979) Cold War thriller, starring Lee Marvin. 4.10 Countdown. 4.40 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 #thoughts. 8.00 The Food I Hooked On. 8.40 Animals: Great Britain. 10.00 My Transexual Summer. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 The Blood. 12.10 Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius: 'Blade Runner: The Paralympic gold medallist explains his motivations'. (R) 2.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 3.15 Selling 1.40 Extreme Selling Series. (R) 2.05 Beach Volleyball. 3.00 WTV Boxing Weekly. 3.35 Adventure Terrex: Coast to Coast. (R) 4.30 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) 4.20 Triathlon. (R) 5.10 Sonphoop Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 8.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Extraordinary People: The Boy Who Sees Without Eyes. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.20 Film: Mystery Woman: A Fitch Sight. (2003) Murder mystery, starring Kellie Martin. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 Old Tv. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Celebrity Wish List; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 8. 9.00 New Hotel Inspector. 10.00 The Lost Orphan: Mirelab Story. 11.00 Film: Identity. (2003) Murder mystery, starring John Cusack. 12.45 SuperCasino. 3.55 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Michelob's 'Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Track to Coach. 2.00 Live ATP World Tour Finals: Tennis. Coverage from the O2 in London of the afternoon session on day three. 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Heir Hunters. 8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals. 8.00 Ian Hislop: 'When Bankers Were Good'. 10.00 Later Live – with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Choir: Military Wives. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.45 Close.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 The Secret Millionaire USA. 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Drop Down Menu. 12.50 Film: Operation Petticoat. (1959) Second World War comedy, starring Cary Grant. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 #thoughts. 8.00 The Food I Hooked On. 8.40 Animals: Great Britain. 10.00 My Transexual Summer. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 The Blood. 12.10 Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius: 'Blade Runner: The Paralympic gold medallist explains his motivations'. (R) 2.15 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 3.15 Selling 1.40 Extreme Selling Series. (R) 2.05 Beach Volleyball. 3.00 WTV Boxing Weekly. 3.35 Adventure Terrex: Coast to Coast. (R) 4.30 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) 4.20 Triathlon. (R) 5.10 Sonphoop Challenge. (R)

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Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 You've Been Scammed. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Fifty Rotten Scoundrels. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.40 Doctors. 2.10 Only Fools and Horses. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build. (R) 9.00 The Manor Reborn. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week. 12.20 Holiday Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Meet the Burglars – Panorama. (R) 12.55 Countryfile. (R) 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.55 Digging for Britain. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The New Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Track to Coach. 2.00 Live ATP World Tour Finals: Tennis. Coverage of the afternoon session on day five from the O2 in London. 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Heir Hunters. 8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals. 8.00 Your Money and How They Spend It. 9.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Fan Am. (R) 12.00 Fan Am. (R) 12.00 Women! 1.15 BBC News. 3.50 Close.

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Codeword

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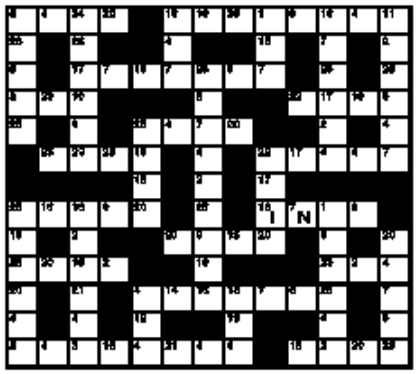

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Double Crossword

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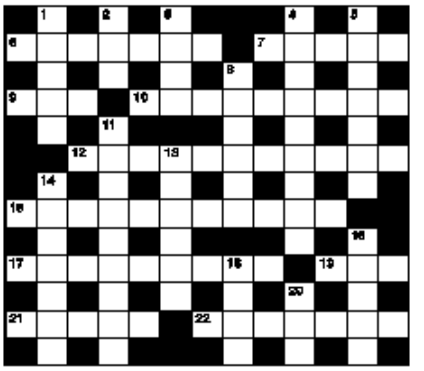

Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. It should have a safety pin in it (7)
7. It's used in many long-legged girl's stockings (5)
9. Current measure gives a start to a politician (3)
10. One hopes he doesn't make mar ginal mistakes (9)
12. Working like a surgeon? (2,9)
15. He doesn't engage in serious pursuits (11)
17. He stops on many feet! (9)
19. Exactly what is required for an our agement (3)
21. M get one to come back as a fool (3)
22. It's on earth, per haps, but not this one (7)

Down

1. State of mind or body (5)
2. Object and don't go on (3)
3. A form of need where there was none (4)
4. Ruling lines (9)
5. So behold a Scots man who's sized (7)
8. Swear about noth ing and run (6)
11. Result of a big blow to the economy? (9)
13. Girls admired by gentlemen, though stuck up (3,3)
14. Those out of touch may want to pick them up (7)
16. Rollers or made by rollers (5)
18. Scatter hollow (4)
20. Litter depository? (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Speak softly (7)
7. Animal (3)
9. Sick (3)
10. Share out (9)
12. Vicissitudes (3,3,3)
15. Tropical disease (6,3)
17. Residing in (9)
19. Encountered (3)
21. Drive away (5)
22. Clumsy (7)

Down

1. Entire (5)
2. Serpent (3)
3. Profound (4)
4. Warship (9)
5. Amaze (7)
8. Cheese (6)
11. Clapped (9)
13. Ever (6)
14. Schoolmaster (7)
16. Gay (5)
18. Information (4)
20. Female sheep (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Civil engineers, 8 Interest, 10 Wife, 11 Adonis, 12 Stress, 14 Sleigh, 16 Sweard, 18 Aria, 20 Intrigue, 22 Cell's hospital. Down: 1 Signed in, 2 Spent, 3 Have, 4 Equator, 5 Arrow, 6 Fend, 11 Sadight, 13 Single, 15 Hide, 17 Cline, 19 Ahead, 21 Tress. QUICK - Across: 7 Expostulation, 8 Sequence, 9 Ebb, 10 Stroll, 12 Hole, 14 Slogan, 16 Gamma, 18 Spur, 20 Outline, 22 Qualification. Down: 1 Solved, 2 Pulsar, 3 Stun, 4 Sleeping, 5 Stress, 6 Sold, 11 Handcuff, 13 Sunshine, 15 Gillie, 17 Eruse, 19 Pour, 21 Nick.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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3				6				7

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words or a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is U. Shogun, Bonsai, Sunglasses, all will have vowels.

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The lounge with walk-in square bay window and feature gas fire

A conservatory leads to a pleasant rear garden

A THREE bedroomed detached family home situated in this convenient location off Lichfield Road is now available.

The property in Glamis Road is uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch leading to a hallway. A guest cloakroom has a hot water radiator, ceramic tiled splashbacks and tiled floor, wash-handbasin and WC. There is a lounge with bay window, feature gas fire with surround, a radiator and door leading to dining room.

A dining room has sliding patio doors to conservatory and doors leading to kitchen.

The kitchen has a range of fitted wall and base units, inset sink with drainer board, plumbing for dishwasher, ceramic tiled splashbacks, tiled floor, understairs storage cupboard and door leading to utility room.

The utility has a door leading to rear garden and window, plumbing for washing machine and door leading to garage.

A 9ft 10in x 8ft 8in conservatory with with uPVC double glazed windows, ceramic tiled floor and double glazed doors leads to pleasant rear garden.

On the first floor there is three good-sized bedrooms.

The property in Glamis Road is well served by local amenities including schools for children of all ages

The bathroom has a white suite consisting of panelled bath with shower above, cabinet wash basin, WC, ceramic tiled white walls and a tiled floor. Outside, a driveway provides off-road parking for multiple vehicles and there is a garage. A lawned rear garden has paved patio area and open land at the rear. The property is being marketed for offers in the region of £169,950 via Fraser Wood. Call 01922 627686 for details.

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Lot 2: 60 Holyhead Road, Handsworth ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 3: Former Children's Day Nursery, 106 Sampson Road, Sparkbrook ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 4: 889 Chester Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 5: 893-895 Chester Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 6: 768 Bristol Road, Selly Oak ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 7: Former Children's Day Nursery, 121 Clopton Road, Sheldon ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 8: Office Premises 86 Main Street, Sparkbrook ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 9: Aston Council House, Albert Road, Aston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 10: Site off Ipstones Avenue, Stechford ... Land
Lot 11: Pype Hayes Hall, 997 Chester Road, Erdington ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 12: Garages off Somerton Drive, Erdington ... Ground Rent
Lot 13: Innisfallen House, King Street, Bilston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 14: Lichfield Chambers, 44 Queen Square, Wolverhampton ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 15: Offices at Bow Street, Bilston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 16: Land off Hampshire Road, West Bromwich ... Land
Lot 17: Land Corner of Factory Road & Furnace Road, Tipton ... Land
Lot 18: Land off Union Street, West Bromwich ... Land
Lot 19: 24, 26, 28, 32 & 54 Park Road, Willenhall ... Ground Rents
Lot 20: 17 & 21 Angela Avenue, Rowley Regis and 16 & 18 Belinda Close, Willenhall ... Ground Rents
Lot 21: 110 Gospel Oak Road & 14 William Kerr Road, Tipton ... Ground Rents
Lot 22: Garages at Lazy Hill, Kings Norton ... Garages/Ground Rents
Lot 23: 25 Brian Road, Smethwick ... Residential Vacant
Lot 23a: 33 Coopers Bank Road, Gornal Wood, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 24: Land Fronting Smithy Lane, Tansey Green, Brierley Hill ... Land
Lot 25: 102 Silver Street, Wythall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 25a: 17 Nursery Road, Handsworth ... Commercial Investment
Lot 26: 488 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common ... Residential Vacant
Lot 27: 29 Avonhurst, Dark Lane, Tiddington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 27a: 33 Endwood Court Road, Handsworth ... Residential Investment
Lot 28: 1-11 Hobmoor Road, Small Heath ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 29: 189 Evesham Road, Redditch ... Commercial Investment
Lot 30: 103 Barn Lane, Olton, Solihull ... Residential Investment
Lot 31: 11 De Montfort Court, Henley in Arden ... Residential Vacant
Lot 32: 118 Holly Lane, Smethwick ... Residential Vacant
Lot 32a: 1a Pound Road & 22 Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury ... Residential Investment
Lot 33: Moseley Road Methodist Church, Moseley Road, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 34: 28 Haselor Road, Sutton Coldfield ... Residential Investment
Lot 35: 2 Crown Street, Worcester ... Residential Vacant
Lot 36: The Hollybush Inn, Main Street, Sleighford, Staffs. ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 37: 189 Brookside Lane, Walton, Stone, Staffs. ... Residential Vacant
Lot 38: Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 39: 3 Masefield Road, Walsall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 40: 54 Carmodale Avenue, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 41: 26 Chudleigh Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 42: 9 Regent Street, Birmingham ... Development Opportunity
Lot 43: The Free Trade Inn, Wood Lane, Pelsall, Walsall ... Development Opportunity
Lot 44: Astley House, Breach Oak Lane, Corley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 45: 39 Conway Avenue, Tile Cross, Coventry ... Residential Vacant
Lot 46: 141 Hales Crescent, Smethwick ... Residential Investment
Lot 47: 123 Birkenshaw Road, Great Barr ... Residential Vacant
Lot 48: Former Beeches Public House, Merritts Brook Lane, Northfield ... Land
Lot 49: 6-7 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 50: Tezpur, Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 51: 42 Davis Avenue, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 51a: Land off Brookhouse Road, Barnt Green ... Land
Lot 52: 4 Rosary Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 53: 8-9 Portland Street, Aston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 54: 5 Rooth Street, Wednesbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 55: 194 Tile Cross Road, Kitts Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 56: 46 Gristhorpe Road, Selly Oak ... Residential Vacant
Lot 57: 3 Riverlee Road, Tyseley ... Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment
Lot 58: 39 North Street, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 59: 40 North Street, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 60: 2 Kitchener Road, Selly Park ... Residential Vacant
Lot 61: 18 Kitchener Road, Selly Park ... Residential Vacant
Lot 62: 13 Old Grange Road, Sparkhill ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 63: 5 Digby Road, Coleshill ... Residential Vacant
Lot 64: Land r/o Portway Farm, Tividale ... Land
Lot 65: Land at Corner of Rooker Avenue & Rooker Crescent, Wolverhampton ... Land
Lot 66: 35 Clarendon Road, Edgbaston ... Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment
Lot 67: 29 Sapcote Trading Estate, Powke Lane, Cradley Heath ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 68: 155 Wensleydale Road, Great Barr ... Residential Investment
Lot 69: 245 Perrywood Road, Great Barr ... Residential Investment
Lot 70: 2, 3, 4 & 5 Bridge Street, Wednesbury ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 71: 7-8 Phoenix Park, Aston ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 72: 9 New Hampton Road East, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 73: 19 School Road, Wednesbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 74: 54 Milverton Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 75: 5 Norfolk Road, Erdington ... Residential Vacant
Lot 76: Ryders Chambers, Springhead, Wednesbury ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 77: Land Adjacent 10 Watson Road, Coseley ... Land
Lot 78: 20 Greenhill Road, Moseley ... Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment
Lot 79: 30a Mayfield Road, Moseley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 80: 135 Yardley Wood Road, Moseley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 81: 7 Stonehaven Road, Hall Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 82: 24 Wye Road, Walsall ... Residential Investment
Lot 83: Bailey's, 24 Coronation Road, Pelsall, Walsall ... Commercial Vacant/ Development Opportunity
Lot 84: 24 Furlong Lane, Halesowen ... Residential Vacant
Lot 85: 15 Alexandra Road, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 86: 49 Church Vale, Handsworth ... Residential Vacant
Lot 87: 41 Waseley Road, Rubery ... Residential Vacant
Lot 88: 392 The Radleys, Kitts Green ... Residential Vacant
Lot 89: 51 Millpool Gardens, Kings Heath ... Residential Vacant
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The lounge has a wall-mounted central heating radiator, tiled flooring, double-glazed window to rear and double-glazed doors opening on to a lean to.

The first-floor landing has double-glazed window to front and side and central heating radiator.

Bedrooms two and three are situated on this floor, as is the family bathroom with a white suite comprising panel bath, pedestal wash hand basin, low-level WC, extractor fan, tiled splash-back, tiled floor and central heating radiator.

On the second floor, a master bedroom has fitted wardrobes, central heating radiator, loft access point and door through to an en suite shower room.

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Highlights of the property in Field Road, Bloxwich, include the re-fitted kitchen.

Having wall cupboards, a range of base units with worktops over, one-and-a-half sink and drainer, gas hob with extractor over, double integrated electric tower oven, halogen spotlights, power points and double glazed window to the side. A conservatory has French doors to the rear garden, radiator, ceiling light point, power points and door to a utility with base units with worktops over, wall cupboards, WC, wash basin set in vanity unit, plumbing for washing machine, radiator, ceiling light point, power points and obscured double glazed window to the rear.

On the first floor, all three bedrooms could be considered doubles.

Storage

A family bathroom has WC, wash basin set-in vanity unit, corner panel bath with shower over, full tiling to walls, towel radiator, ceiling light point and two obscured double glazed windows to the front.

The loft bedroom is 15ft 11in max x 15ft 2in max and has double glazed skylight windows to the front and rear, raised storage area, ceiling light point and power points.

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Inside a guest cloakroom comprises wc and wash hand basin while the lounge – 14ft 10in by 1ft 8in – has a living flame gas fire with wooden surround, marble hearth and inset and double sliding doors to the sitting room, measuring 17ft 3in by 10ft 10in, which has sliding patio doors to the rear and a door the kitchen with a range of base cupboards and drawers with work surface above, sink, matching wall cupboards, dishwasher, space and gas point for range cooker with extractor hood above.

The dining area is 13ft 10in by 7ft 10in, which has a door to the utility with work surface and plumbing for washing machine.

On the first floor are four bedrooms, bedroom one measuring 23ft 8in by 9ft, as well as a bathroom comprising wc, bidet, wash hand basin, corner bath and shower cubicle with electric shower.

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Modern Detached, good location, 2 / 3 Bed, Gas CH ..... Guide: £83,000 / £88,000
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GUIDE PRICE £75,000 PLUS

LOT 2 — 94 Blakenall Lane, Bloxwich

Viewing: 16th, 23rd November and 2nd December at 10.30 am

Traditional semi detached property constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof and in need of thorough modernisation and improvement. Set back from the road behind lawned foregarden with shared driveway the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Living Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000

LOT 3 — 103 Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall

Viewing: 16th, 23rd November and 2nd December at 11.15 am

This traditional semi detached residence is situated in a popular residential area not far from Lane Head with facilities available. In need of complete modernisation and improvements, the property is set behind a foregarden with good size garden to rear and comprises of the following: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £28,000-£38,000

LOT 4 — Land between 3 and 5 King Charles Avenue, Walsall

Freehold building plot approximately 0.04 ha with outline planning permission (application number 11/1002/OL) for two 2 bedroom semi detached houses. The site is located close to major transport links and local amenities. For further information and full planning decision and plans, visit our website.

GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000

LOT 5 — 3A Holden Crescent, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 12.45pm

A purpose built first floor maisonette ideally suited to an investor purchase with part electric storage heating. Situated within a 1.5 mile of Walsall centre with public transport services available. The property briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Hallway, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Loft Access.

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LOT 6 — 92 Walstead Road, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 1.45pm

A traditionally styled semi detached property situated in a popular residential location close to all amenities including shops, bus and rail links. Offering ideal family living accommodation which has been extended at ground floor level the property offers upvc double glazing and gas fired central heating and includes: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Guest W.C, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore And Rear Gardens With Useful Garage/Storage Space.

GUIDE PRICE £110,000-£120,000

LOT 7 — 72/74 Dangerfield Lane, Darlaston

Viewing 16th, 23rd November and 2nd December at 12.00pm

These 2 ex municipal semi detached properties are set on a triangular plot and are in need of full modernisation and improvement and lend themselves to the purchase by an investor or builder. Situated within a short distance of Darlaston centre, the properties are constructed of brick under pitch tiled roofs and comprise the following: No 74: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens. No 72: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens and Driveway.

GUIDE PRICE £30,000-£40,000

LOT 8 — 79 Whetstone Lane, Aldridge

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 11.45am

Traditionally styled semi detached dwelling house with gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. The property comprises of the following: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Lean to Sun Room, Kitchen, Garage, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £140,000-£150,000

LOT 9 — 100 Hill Street, Hednesford

Viewing: 16th, 23rd November and 2nd December at 2.30pm

This traditionally styled detached residence has gas fired central heating and some double glazing and offers well appointed spacious living accommodation situated in a desirable location in a short distance of Hednesford centre. Set back from the road behind a lawned foregarden, flanked to the side by a driveway leading to garage, the property also has good size mature rear garden in need of some attention and is constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof. the property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens, Garage, Outhouse and W.C.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000-£150,000

LOT 10 — Land between 151 and 157 Mackay Road, Walsall

Freehold building plot approximately 0.08 ha with outline planning permission (application number 11/1004/OL) for four 3 bedroom semi detached houses. The site is located within a mile of Bloxwich town centre with all amenities available. For further information and full planning decision and plans, visit our website.

GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£70,000

LOT 11 — 1-3 West Bromwich Road, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 9.45am

This detached property (former dance school) offers ample living accommodation and additional garaging offering opportunity for various uses and needs to be viewed to be appreciated. Set on a corner plot on the corner of West Bromwich Road and Vincent Street with vehicular access from Vincent Street, the property has oil fired central heating and comprises: Kitchen, Hallway, Sitting Area, Large Dance Studio, Large Store Room, Rear Corridor, Toilet Facilities, Sitting Room, Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, Two Storey Garage, Boiler Room, W.C. and Rear Garden.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000-£150,000

LOT 12 — 25 Cope Street, Walsall

Viewing: 16th, 23rd November and 2nd December at 10.00 am

Traditional end of terrace brick and tile terraced residence in need of thorough improvement and modernisation situated between Bloxwich and Walsall town centre. The accommodation comprises:- Front Living Room, Rear Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Two Bedrooms, Additional Room and Rear Garden.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000-£50,000

LOT 13 — 12 Kinnerley Street, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 1.15pm

Situated in the popular Chuckery area of Walsall within comfortable walking distance of the town centre with further bus and rail links together with motorway access being within a short car ride away. The property does offer a good degree of further potential and early internal inspection is highly recommended. Offering uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating the accommodation briefly comprises:- Reception Hall, Through Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £65,000-£75,000

LOT 14 — 133 Broadway West, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 10.30 am

This traditionally styled semi detached residence constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof and is in need of complete modernisation but offers tremendous scope for further improvement. Situated in a popular sought after area within a short distance of Walsall Town Centre and close to Junction 9 of the M6, the property is set back from the road behind a lawned foregarden flanked by a driveway and has a good size rear garden. The accommodation which is part double glazed comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £90,000-£110,000

LOT 15 — 12 Penryn Road, Walsall

Viewing: 22nd November and 1st December at 11.00 am

Ideally suited to the needs of a young family, this modern gas centrally heated and double glazed detached residence is situated on the sought after Park Hall Estate and comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Full width Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £150,000-£160,000

LOT 16 — 52 Wood Lane, Streetley, Sutton Coldfield

Viewing: 19th, 22nd November and 1st December at 2.30 pm

This detached bungalow is in need of full modernisation and offers tremendous scope. With some double glazing the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Carport, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

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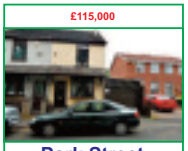


Park Street
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/Diner
★ Downstairs Bathroom
★ Separate WC
★ 2 Bedrooms
★ Rear Garden

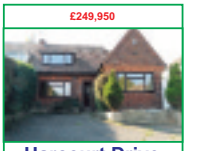
£120,000

Grenfell Road
★ Porch ★ Hallway
★ Lounge/Diner
★ Dining Area
★ Kitchen
★ Side Storage area
★ Utility

£194,950

Broad Lane
★ Hallway
★ 2 Reception Rooms
★ Conservatory
★ Extended Kitchen/Diner
★ Utility ★ Bathroom
★ Rear Garden

£249,950

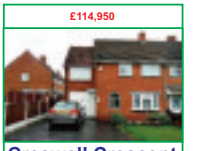


Harcourt Drive
★ Tarmac Drive with space for 4 cars ★ Full double glazing
★ Full gas central heating
★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Second reception ★ Bathroom
★ Kitchen ★ 2 Bedrooms
★ Ensuite/Shower/Wet room
★ Garage

£159,950

Stoney Lane
★ Porch ★ Hall
★ Lounge ★ Dining Room ★ Kitchen
★ Utility Area
★ Downstairs WC

£114,950



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★ Dining Room
★ Kitchen ★ Bathroom
★ Loft Space
★ Garden

£74,950

Coalway Road
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★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Landing
★ 3 Bedrooms

£95,000

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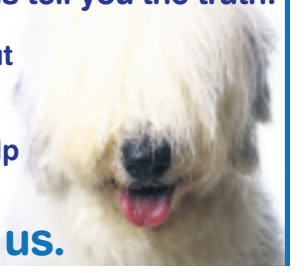

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- Part Central Heating

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- No upward chain
- Lounge

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- Upvc Double Glazing

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- Fitted Bathroom

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- Fitted Bathroom

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- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC double glazing

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- UPVC double glazing

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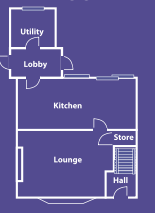

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- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- DHSS Accepted

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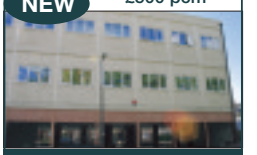

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- A modern 2 bed 2nd floor apartment
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- Modern fitted kitcen with cooker
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- Secure parking

NEW £500 pcm

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- A re-furbished 2 bed mid terrace
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- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Electric Heating and Double glazing
- Secure allocated parking DSS accepted

£525 pcm

Borneo street

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- Modern fitted kitchen/diner
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- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB

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- Recently installed family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Darlaston Road

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- 2 spacious reception rooms
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- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Manorhouse Close

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- Double Glazing throughout
- 2 allocated parking spaces

£475 pcm

Prince Street

- A re-furbished 3 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- GCH and DG throughout
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB

£475 pcm

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- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB

£475 pcm

Weston Street

- A 3 re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB

£450 pcm

Essex Street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB

£450 pcm

Liskeard Road

- A 2/3 bed duplex apartment
- 1 reception with laminate flooring
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower
- Electric Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£450 pcm

Waterfront Way

- A modern 2 bed groung floor apertment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Electric Heating and Double glazing
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Allocated parking and DSS accepted

£400 pcm

Elmsdale Court

- A 1 bed 2nd floor apartment
- Spacious lounge with feature fireplace
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Good size double bedroom
- Allocated parking space

£650 pcm

Lichfield Road

- A modernised 3 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacioud reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Upstairs guest shower room
- Rear garden and block paved driveway

£575 pcm

Scholars Walk

- A modern 3 bed semi detached
- Spacious reception room with feature fire
- Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden and 2 parking spaces

£575 pcm

Lincoln Road

- A traditional 3 bed semi detached
- 1 reception room with laminate flooring
- Large fitted kitchnen/diner
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden and DSS accepted

£525 pcm

Millfield Avenue

- A 3 bed end terrace property
- Spacious lounge with laminate flooring
- Good size modern kitchen/diner
- Upstairs bathroom with seperate shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Guest WC, DSS accepted

£450 pcm

St Clements Lane

- A 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen
- Modern kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Double glazing throughout
- Secure allocated parking

£395 pcm

Lichfield Road

- A 1 bed ground floor apartment
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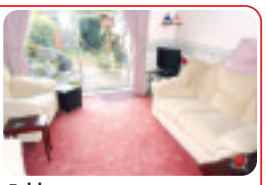

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- Allocated parking and gardens
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- A most immaculately presented modern mid terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed accommodation
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- Spacious Conservatory, 3 Good Sized Bedrooms, and Family Bathroom/WC
- Ample Parking and Low Maintenance Gardens

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Birchover Road
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- A well maintained and much improved semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Spacious front lounge, rear dining room
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- Three good sized bedrooms, re-fitted shower room/WC
- Single car garage, large block paved driveway
- Enclosed easy maintenance gardens

Offers In The Region Of £134,950

Gorey Close
Coppice Farm, Willenhall
- An attractively situated semi- detathced house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Lounge, extended dining room, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, family bathroom/WC
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- Viewing Essential

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Basalt Close
Reedswood, Walsall
- A much improved Semi Detached Family Home
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£141,950

Reedly Road
Sneyd Park, Willenhall
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- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
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- Three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom/WC
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Sneyd Lane
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£169,950

Red River Road
Cavendish Park
- A well designed detached house by Wilcon Homes being only 11 years old
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- Lounge, Interconnecting Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Guests Cloaks/WC
- Three Double Bedrooms, the Master having an En-suite Shower Room/WC,
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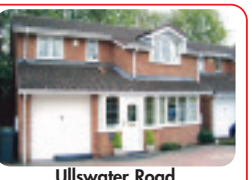
- DSS Acepted

£525 pcm

Ashley Road
Bloxwich
- An immaculately presented semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious rear lounge, large breakfast room/kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- DSS Accepted - Available Now

£550 pcm



Ullswater Road
Coppice Farm, Willenhall
- An immaculately presented modern detached house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Front lounge, rear dining room, re-fitted kitchen
- Utility room, Guests cloaks/WC, large conservatory
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- Single car garage, Block paved driveway
- Viewing Essential

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- Gas central heating and PVCu double glazing
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- Available Now

£550 pcm

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Turnberry
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- Gas central heating and replacement PVCu double glazing
- Front Lounge, Rear Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room
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- Single Garage, Block Paved Driveway and Enclosed Lawned Rear Garden
- Available in January 2012

£800 pcm

Stafford Road
Bloxwich
- Available NOW
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- Garage, Ample Driveway Parking and Landscaped Secluded Rear Garden
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Chapel Avenue
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Rio grand on motorway and around the lanes

By Neil Ward

KIA has been steadily advancing its range with the ambition to have the newest line-up in the UK and the Rio is its latest car.

The Rio is a direct competitor to cars such as the Fiesta and Corsa so it needs to be good to compete in this market – and first impressions are excellent.

The Rio has been restyled and is a new take on the classic wedge style. What this means for me is that there is great ratio of bodywork to glass.

Sometimes cars in this sector look more like greenhouses on wheels than stylish cars so top marks to Kia here. In terms of practicality the Rio has a large boot, which I did manage to fill, so can bear testament to its load carrying capacity.

On the inside Kia has also done a great job with the height adjustable driver's seat and steering column. The instrument cluster is well designed with the three clock binnacle and numerous switches on the steering wheel which all fell easily to hand.

Other switches are in the centre and are toggle type switches, which I really liked. Also the rear seats can be folded down to create even more space if needed.

For a first test I had a drive from London to Shropshire – so if the Kia was not going to cut it, this would be a good way to find out.

Bearing in mind it is a 1.1litre engine I was surprised that it pulled so well and very quickly the Rio settled into its stride on the motorway. Keeping pace in the outside lane was no problem and with the nice six- speed gearbox it was not tiring to drive. And, t boot, it was achieving nearly 80mpg!

How can I put this? With budget ca sometimes there is a flaw in the overall ex rience so my expectation was that everything else being OK the comfort w be compromised – but I was to be surpr again by the Rio. After nearly three hou the car I did not feel any tiredness at which did surprise me but is testament to care that Kia has put in to this car.

So in search of a flaw I pushed the Rio around the Shropshire lanes to see if the suspension and steering had been the object of the bean counters' revenge but, again, no. The Rio handles well and soaks up the bumps easily. So how does the Kia compare to the others in what is a very competitive sector of the market? Very well: wi modern styling and a range of e interiors there is pretty muc everyone in the Rio range seven- year Kia warra nitely hit the spot i and value.

The instrument cluster is well designed with switches on the steering wheel

Kia's Rio has a new take on the wedge style

Under the in-Fluence of Renault

Electric glide in blue – the roomy Renault Fluence Z.E. is crammed with technological features

By Bob Hickman

WITHIN the automotive world great changes have been made. How could our great-great-grandparents of yesteryear have thought that the humble horse and cart could ever be replaced by a horseless carriage?

Even our parents marvel at today's vehicles in comparison to the vehicles on offer in the 60s and 70s.

And it is without doubt that we will shortly be entering a whole new era of vehicle manufacturer production and motive power underneath the bonnet.

It has long been proclaimed that the fossil fuel reserves will run out at some point and it is really time, not just because of the environmental issue, that strides need to be made to seek alternative methods of propulsion.

Renault has taken a brave step. It is introducing in to this arena and on sale in the UK from the middle of 2012, a pioneering vehicle. The firm has produced what it considers to be the first affordable all-electric conventional three-box saloon.

Without doubt the vehicle isn't what you would normally consider to be quirky; it fits into the category of "Oh, is that an electric vehicle?" because it looks a very stylish car with elegant lines, a very comfortable interior and has useful technological features in addition.

The Fluence has been on sale in a large number of countries throughout the world but did not make it to the United Kingdom.

To differentiate it from the internal combustion siblings the Fluence ZE features distinctive and defining hallmarks. It is instantly recognisable, thanks to a number of blue tinted details from the lights and fog surrounds to the logos and the badge.

It also has a completely redesigned set of lights, and a more open grille, so should you be on holiday on foreign shores and see a Fluence you will know instantly if it is a conventional oil burning engine derivative or the new all-singing and dancing electric.

The Fluence has had the rear section lengthened to incorporate the fitment of the batteries and they are contained behind a folding panel at the back of the boot, an area which left me a little bit disappointed. Certainly if you are a golfer you will be struggling to fit your bag and a trolley.

Luggage

Interior space and luggage and storage space within the interior is very good; it has quite a big illuminated glove box and a nice cubby hole in the centre console to contain the various bits and bobs that drivers and passengers decide to have with them.

Without doubt the biggest surprise comes when you actually get to drive the vehicle – the silence. When you are on the move there is no engine noise whatsoever and Renault has paid specific attention to the details of soundproofing so there is little – if any – discernible exterior noise. You are just wafting and gliding along in total isolated seclusion.

At standstill there is a little go light in the instrument panel that tells you that the vehicle is in fact ready and it drives and pulls away in total silence. I think it makes driving far more relaxed – Renault suggests serene – but this is a new era that we enter.

Underneath the bonnet the electric motor looks to all intents and purposes like an engine. It is fitted transversely, is much, much bigger than I anticipated and Renault suggests that its equivalent production power output is approximately 95 bhp.

It delivers its torque instantly and this gives amazing acceleration throughout the power range.

You don't have to bother changing gear, you just put it into drive and the vehicle does exactly what you would expect it to do.

The one area that will become debatable is the range. The battery life is going to give an approximate range of 115 miles, the cost implications of this are obviously on the low side but you have to take into the equation other aspects that are almost hidden within the figures.

Renault puts charging at £3

Renault is suggesting that approximately £3 will be the cost of re-charging the vehicle. However, it has taken the step of introducing battery hire.

So if you own the vehicle for three years and average 9,000 miles per year, in addition to the cost of purchasing the vehicle you have to add the hire of the batteries. This, on a three-year, 9,000-mile a year basis, will be £81 per month. It makes the economics somewhat more complicated; the yearly charge of £972 or almost 11p per mile plus the cost of the charge at £33 suggests 13p per mile.

Property

The purchase of the Fluence ZE is an easy decision to make. The decision I have difficulty with concerns hire of the batteries, which remain the property of Renault.

The firm suggests that this is a guarantee of a battery at an affordable price; I wish they had gone down the road of actually incorporating them and having the confidence of giving a warranty with the batteries as opposed to an extra charge. I was also a little disappointed to find an extra charge of £414 to buy the umbilical cord cable to allow charging on a UK 3-pin plug.

When it comes to new technology, the driving dynamics of the vehicle when I had the opportunity to test it in extremely busy Portuguese streets are one of an amazing vehicle.

The power was there in abundance from the first touch on the accelerator; the lack of noise was quite astounding and the amount of interior room within the vehicle more than adequate for four or five adults at a time.

What I loved was the regenerative effect of the motors; when you take your foot off the accelerator the system operates in reverse and starts to re-charge the batteries.

The big bonus is it also acts as a brake so with careful acceleration sense you really can have a vehicle that is so smooth to drive and wonderful on acceleration/deceleration that it revitalises and changes your driving style.

Priced at £22,850 for The Fluence ZE Primetime is priced at £22,850 but deduct £5,000 for a Government incentive. Therefore the on the road price is £17,850 which is quite good in my humble opinion.

The Fluence interior is stylish and comfortable

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MINI UK director Jochen Gollder said: "The introduction of MINI Yours underlines MINI's reputation as the benchmark car brand in customisation.

"The sheer number of options available through MINI Yours means customers can tailor-make their MINI using exclusive colours, designs and materials like never before; creating a MINI like no other on the road."

In addition, MINI will lend a helping hand to that process by creating a number of special MINI Yours packages. To celebrate the programme's UK launch, the first of these is the MINI Avenue.

The MINI Avenue package is available with either Highclass Grey or Laguna Green metallic paint.

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Leather

The car's standard spec includes Satellite Grey Soda Lounge leather with matching black floor mats and bi-colour Sport leather steering wheel with multi-function controls.

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Tantalisingly, he hinted at even greater levels of MINI customisation in the future.

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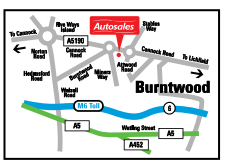

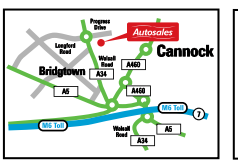

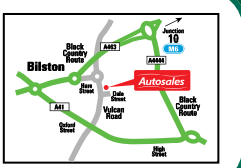

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HOT on the heels of the recently launched GTC, this is the first official picture of the new Astra VXR, which goes on sale next year.

The vehicle is set to become one of the most powerful cars in its class and the fastest production Astra in Vauxhall's history.

Based on the GTC's platform and powered by a 2.0-litre turbocharged direct injection engine, the Astra VXR produces 280hp of power and a mighty 400Nm of torque, enough for it to achieve a top speed of 155mph.

But while the Astra VXR is based on the new GTC, it has benefited from a raft of bespoke chassis modifications, transforming it into a focused, high-performance coupe.

Setting it apart from all other current Astras is a specially developed mechanical limited slip differential, which works on the front wheels.

In conjunction with the GTC's sophisticated HiPerStrut (High Performance Strut), the LSD provides the Astra VXR with exceptional lateral grip and traction through bends.

Further changes to the chassis include brakes developed by competition supplier, Brembo, and standard fitment of Vauxhall's fully adaptive FlexRide system.

Throttle

In the Astra VXR, FlexRide features not only a Sport button, but a VXR button, offering drivers the choice of two, more focused stages of damper, throttle and steering control.

Much of the chassis sign-off was done at the Northern Loop (Nordschleife) of the Nürburgring, and was overseen by Le Mans 24-hour race winner, "Smokin' Jo" Winkelhock.

"We have devised a great package that will convince even the most experienced and enthusiastic drivers – and not just on the Nürburgring!" said Winkelhock.

Visual identifiers for the Astra GTC comprise a set of specially sculpted front and rear bumpers, side skirts, an aerodynamic roof spoiler and two exhaust tail pipes in a trapeze shape. Inside, the VXR's cabin gets bespoke performance seats with embossed logos in the backs, a flat-bottomed VXR steering wheel and upgraded instruments.

The UK is by far the Astra VXR's biggest market in Europe, so sales interest in the car is set to be strong.

More details, including pricing and on-sale dates, will be revealed early next year.

It's joy for Seat over used car sales rise

The Ibiza FR has proved highly popular in the used car market

RECORD sales statistics over the past year or so – including several record shares of the new car market – underline that SEAT's cars are connecting with British drivers like never before.

However, it's not just SEAT's new models that are flying off dealers' forecourts. The brand's used car sales are also running at record levels right now.

To the end of October SEAT's used car sales to the brand's 120-plus franchised dealers nationwide were more than 1,300 vehicles up on the same period in 2010.

Naturally, in turn, dealers' used car sales to the public are significantly up versus the same period in 2010, too.

In fact, used SEAT sales at the brand's best-performing dealers are as much as 33 per cent up on 2010 as value-conscious buyers seek out the Spanish marque's mix of sporty style, generous equipment and impressive economy.

SEAT UK's used car sales manager, David Ardern, is understandably pleased by the significant rise in sales.

Interest

He said: "SEAT's network of dealers across the country is hungry for late model, low mileage vehicles as it knows the buyers are out there.

"Ibiza, Leon and Exeo are all doing exceptionally well in the used market, while our various Ecomotive-branded cars continue to interest buyers who value miles per gallon as highly as they do miles per hour."

Broadly strong residual values across the range help, of course, with used car buyers happy to invest in a SEAT confident in the knowledge that it should hang on to a fair proportion of its value over time.

But the spike in used car sales could also be the result of more new SEATs than ever before hitting the UK's roads – working as "olling adverts" for the brand and raising awareness with drivers who want to stand out from the crowd in a stylish, reliable and eye-catching car.

David Ardern added: "Despite the difficult economic climate, demand for used SEATs has never been stronger.

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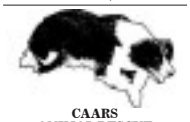

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For further information contact Jessica Kenny on 0121 678 8010

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

Walsall Council, Planning and Building Control

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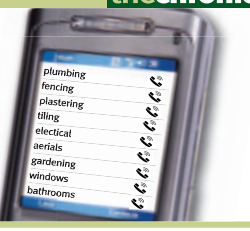

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Duo help England to title

THERE'S a Nobby' Styles on top of the world again – and this time he's from Walsall.

Ian 'Nobby' Styles joined veteran Dave Webb from West Bromwich in the England Over-55s vintage masters team who won the International Hockey Masters Tournament in Singapore.

England beat Australia in the final on sudden-death penalty strokes despite losing to their Down Under rivals in the group stages.

Triumphed

Styles kept his nerve to score in sudden death after missing one in the semis, while keeper Webb tipped a shot onto his right post to seal success.

Webb's part in the victory was all the more remarkable after he underwent a quadruple heart bypass two years ago.

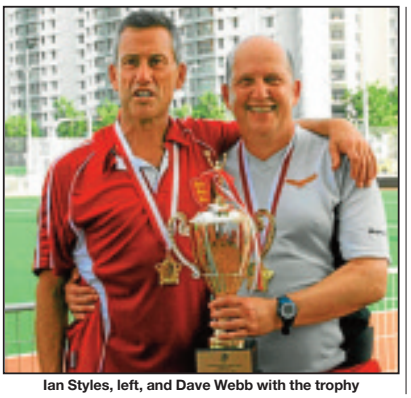
The pair also played a key role in the penalty strokes, which finished 4-4 after Styles sent the keeper the wrong way from the first penalty and Webb saved low to his left to send the game into sudden death.

Normal time ended 1-1 after England had levelled with 10 minutes left when midfielder Conrad Ray beat three defenders and unleashed an unstoppable shot high into the net for a goal of the tournament contender. But it took a superb, last-minute save from Webb to send the final into golden goal extra-time.

England secured a place in the final with a 2-1 victory over New Zealand in the semis.

In the group stages, England beat Scotland, Singapore and New Zealand, but lost 1-0 to Australia.

England also triumphed at the Over-40s, Over-50s and Over-60s levels, with only the Over-45s failing to secure their title.



Ian Styles, left, and Dave Webb with the trophy

Lyng is hat-trick hero, but Willenhall go down again

HEATHER ST JOHNS 4 WILLENHALL TOWN 3

WILLENHALL slumped to yet another defeat in a game they dominated for 70 minutes after conceding three late penalties.

Joe Lyng completed a hat-trick on the stroke of full time, but it proved nothing more than a late consolation for the visitors .

Conceding

With the returning Mitch Fellows still not cleared by the FA to play, the Lockmen threw centre-half Lyng up front, a move which appeared to play handsome dividends.

With Heather having to put an outfield player in goal after 25 minutes due to inury, the Reds must have thought their luck was changing. Jan Trapszo, Jemiah Richards, Shawn Salmon, Lyng and Adam Swain all went close to opening the scoring before Lyng managed to stab home a Swain corner after 38 minutes.

Lyng added a second straight after the break when he headed home a cross from Trapszo, but the home side hit back on 64 minutes when Chris Lewis netted and levelled six minutes later when keeper James Fryer conceded a needless penalty which Richard Lewis converted.

Two more spot-kicks, converted by Troy Wallen, put the hosts 4-2 up with Richards red-carded after conceding the first of them.

United romp to victory at derby rivals

WALSALL WOOD 0 BLOXWICH UNITED 3

BLOXWICH progressed to the next round of the Walsall senior cup last Tuesday night with a well deserved victory at local rivals Walsall Wood, *writes Mark Perry.*

The home side created the first real chance after 10 minutes when a good cross to the far post was prodded over from six yards out.

Alan Wilkes shot wide for Bloxwich after a good cross from Luke Stokes in the 30th minute before Mark Wooldridge spurned a chance minutes later. Bloxwich made the breakthrough in the 35th minute when Alan Wilkes latched on to an ball over the top from Lewis Perry and slotted past the keeper to make it 1-0.

Wood forced Bloxwich keeper Phil Smart to tip a good header over the bar before missing their best chance of an equaliser when shooting wide.

Bloxwich began the second half well with Josh Jones and Alan Wilkes a constant threat up front, Ash Southall dominant at the back and Jamie Simkiss tireless in midfield.

The visitors doubled their lead on the hour when Wilkes headed a Richard Joyce cross on into the path of Mark Wooldridge who smashed the ball into the net to make it 2-0. Bloxwich made it 3-0 in the 85th minute when Wilkes fed the ball out to Lewis Perry who crossed from the right for Sam Dyke to head home.

Baldwin double sinks Stafford

BLOXWICH MEN'S 1ST XI 2 STAFFORD 0

BLOXWICH'S hockey men hosted Stafford in a must win game for the home side, *writes David Symonds.*

The first half was pretty even with both defences staying solid.

In the second half, Bloxwich started to dominate and had a goal disallowed. But five minutes later Adam Baldwin deflected the ball past the Stafford keeper after a shot from Ed Marrocco.

Baldwin then doubled the Bloxwich lead with another neat finish.

Phil Ascroft and Adam Baldwin were both sin binned from strange umpiring decisions, reducing Bloxwich to nine men for the last 10 minutes of the game, but they defended superbly keeping the ball away from Stafford and taking a valuable three points.

Adam McCord and Aaron Allcock had fantastic games and the Bloxwich defence was excellent throughout.

Not Bard as Walsall fight back from dead

ANYONE wishing to watch fast, free flowing rugby would be well advised to follow Walsall at the moment. Not only did this game have 14 well created tries, but also had Walsall producing a second half comeback of epic proportions.

Indeed, it seemed that nobody had told the home team that it was an earlier kick off time from now on, as they did not really make any serious impact on the game until the final 30 minutes of the match.

Last Saturday afternoon was a special moment for two Walsall regulars as Ian Bradshaw and Chris Mould ran out to represent the club for the 250th and 200th appearances respectively.

WALSALL 48 STRATFORD 37

The hosts had a nightmare start as Stratford collected their own kick off and maintained possession until full back Cook scored under the posts. Three minutes later Cook got his second after a Matt Wood kick ahead bounced kindly for the Stratford player. Eventually, the home team started to put together some attacks and had their first try after Merlin and Mould had made good runs before a delightful Weston pass released winger Greenslade, who finished it off well from 25 metres. This score seemed to revitalise the hosts and after a series of good attacks, they scored one of the best tries seen at Delves Road this season. It was started by their captain, Steve Halbert. He gathered the ball in a lineout fairly close to the Walsall line. He covered 15 metres and then found Dickson in support.

The No8 passed on to Dave Merlin, more metres were covered before flanker Andy Fitzgerald received the ball. He took the ball into opposition territory before he was stopped. The ball was then quickly passed to Greenslade on the left wing. He brushed past three defenders to finis off a superb piece of team play.

Brain kicked a penalty and then some weak tackling allowed the visitors to break out of defence and cover 60 metres for winger Hodgkiss to score wide out. It was a similar tale a few minutes later as the burly figure of Farris broke through the Walsall defence. Virtually, from the restart the Warwickshire team were 32-10 up. From quick lineout ball Cook cut through for a try near the posts.

Walsall dominated the game after the interval, but the 22 point deficit seemed to be beyond them as they struggled to pierce the Stratford defence. Eventually, it was Greenslade that got the breakthrough. He scored his hat-trick try after some good passing by Merlin, Mould and Pette.But the lead was soon restored as Baldwin was driven over from a lineout close to the Walsall line. The final 20 minutes saw Walsall run the ball at every opportunity and score tries which saw them slowly close the gap. The visitors were tiring and also suffered a couple of sinbins, which saw them struggle to compete during the crucial final minutes.

Scrum half Lloyd was always keen to keep the ball moving and linked up with Fitzgerald. The Walsall flanker made good ground before giving a pass to Andy Turner, the winger used his strength to get over the line near the corner flag, and it was 22-37. Lock forward Dave Merlin got a try with less than ten minutes remaining, and it was 29-37.

Wizard

It was Wood that created Walsall's sixth try, he made a fine break and was brought down after putting through a well-placed kick. The referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty try.

It seemed that the visitors were going to hang on to a one point victory, but they conceded a penalty and another quick burst by Lloyd saw Greenslade being released. He covered 20 metres before throwing a pass back inside, this was knocked away by a defender, but replacement Rafa Ingelmo supported well and gathered the ball and raced over for another fine score. There was still time to kick off and full back Chris Mould made a fine break before passing to Greenslade.

The Welsh wizard soon outpaced the defence to score his fourth try of the afternoon which Wood converted to complete a quite remarkable comeback.

This Saturday, third placed Walsall travel to play Sutton Coldfield, who are undefeated at the top.

Four-try hero Alex Greenslade races in for another score against Stratford

WALSALL COLTS 50 CAMP HILL COLTS 0

Robbie Edgar got an early try to settle the nerves, but the Walsall team were guilty of making elementary errors and credit must also be given to a determined Camp Hill defence.

Ben Tipson extended the lead after 20 minutes. It took a fine solo effort from Ryan Dolan, running from half way and forcing his way through the defence. Ben Tipson converted and added a second after Javan Jarrett ran in to score under the posts.

Walsall started the second half with much more purpose. They won good possession and the passing was a lot more accurate.

Javan Jarrett and Robbie Edgar each added tries with Ben Tipson slotting a conversion. Both Liam Fussell, showing excellent support work to run in under the posts, and Steve Paddock, making short work of weak defending, gave Ben Tipson his two easiest conversion of the game. Credit to Charlie Wrighton for several well-timed passes which helped to set up several of the tries.

Jevan Jarrett races to the try line for for Walsall Colts against Camp Hill

Leaders too strong for Olympic

RUSHALL OLYMPIC 0 NORTHWICH VICTORIA 3

RUSHALL Olympic were offered an insight into the harsh realities of life in the Evo-Stik League Premier Division as leaders Northwich Victoria nonchalantly brushed aside the Pics at Dales Lane, writes *Darren Stockall.*

With top scorer Matt Lewis suspended and Luke Edwards joining Eastwood Town on loan, the hosts found themselves in something of a striking crisis with only Craig Bannister and Ahmed Obeng at their disposal – prompting the pre-match signing of Alan Wilkes from Bloxwich United.

Within the first minute Northwich threatened as Michael Clarke headed just wide of the left hand upright after meeting a probing centre from the left.

On six minutes Rushall's Sean Platt should have counted himself fortunate to have remained on the pitch after a knee-high challenge on Jordon Johnson.

It was of little surprise when the visitors took the lead on 26 minutes as a corner was met by Wayne Riley with a drive that was deflected wide of the post to yield another flag kick.

Defender Mitchell Tolley headed clear but a third corner in succession was played in deep and fell for unmarked Tom Field who lashed in a venomous first time strike.

It took the hosts until the 36th minute to register anything approaching a worthwhile offensive as a free-kick two yards outside the right hand side of the penalty area was whipped in by Keenan, but it was cleared.

Block

Northwich were straight on the offensive at the start of the second half and Field found himself clean through to rifle a low drive that Olympic's custodian did extremely well to block out.

On 50 minutes Kyle Armstrong unleashed a long-range strike that Gemmell could only take the sting out of before the loose ball was cleared to relative safety by a defender.

The visitors effectively sealed the win in the 52 minute as the ball was played through the left channel to the by-line and as a low centre was pulled back towards the far post the Pics defence failed to track the run of Field who clinically converted.

As the game progressed Northwich were gaining far too much aerial superiority as Olympic continued to make a minimal impact on proceedings.

It was no surprise when, with 11 minutes remaining, they added a third goal when poor defending failed to prevent Moyo from darting to the right hand byeline, before running a further five yards and pulling the ball back to the unmarked Johnson, who needed no invitation to drive low past Gemmell.

More defensive woes almost cost the Pics dearly right on the 90th minute as Skedgel failed to win a header against a forward.

Unmarked substitute Ryan Wade found himself in acres of space and fired goalwards, only to be thwarted by another fine blocking save from Gemmell.

Cup cruise for Pics as Khalsa go down

SPORTING KHALSA 0 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 2

RUSHALL Olympic began their defence of the Walsall Senior Cup with a comfortable two-goal victory at West Midlands Premier Division neighbours Sporting Khalsa.

The hosts were first to threaten in the 11th minute when Ismail Reid, with an open goal at his mercy, saw his effort cleared off the line.

On 20 minutes Pics went into the lead when Bottomer carved his way to the byline before pulling the ball back to Gary Fitzpatrick. He found Keenan who lashed a fierce drive beyond Tom Turner.

Right on the stroke of half-time the visitors doubled their advantage as a run by Bottomer saw the midfielder go past his marker and pull the ball back to Bannister who rifled clinically home from 12 yards beyond Turner.

The second period degenerated into a somewhat scrappy affair with few worthwhile opportunities.

With 14 minutes remaining Sporting almost pulled one back when Marcus Jackson's deep free-kick from the right was met by Nick Campbell but his header went just over.

On 80 minutes ex-Rushall defender Rob Holdcroft and Bottomer were involved in an altercation, with both fortunate not to incur punishment. Five minutes from time a deft header from Rushall substitute Christian Dacres clipped the far post and bounced to safety.

High-flying hosts forced to cling on as battling Continental shine

RC WARWICK 1 CONTINENTAL STAR 1

IN-FORM Racing Club Warwick had the first chance , on four minutes, following good build up, when striker Craig Thomas struck the Continental crossbar, *writes Adam Duffy.*

On seven minutes a excellent ball forward by Frankliyn Hazell picked out Salmon, but his shot was saved by Ash Malholtra. On 11 minutes a corner by Continental midfielder Tony Green was played out quickly to full-back Natty Brown who whipped in a exellent cross which was headed goalwards by Henry Eze who outjumped the Warwick defence only to see his header drift inches wide.

On the half hour a dipping goalbound shot from Thomas was brilliantly saved by Darren McCarrick in the Continental goal.

On 34 minutes a run by Warwick midfielder Adrian Neil found Richard Richards on the edge of the area who played the ball back to Neil who raced into the area, bearing down on the Continental goal. As he was about to pull the trigger, an excellent tackle by Star defender Dwayne Robinson denied him the opportunity. A minute later Continental captain Davison Hamilton played a slide-rule one-two pass with Salmon, but Hamilton's shot went wide.

On 41 minutes Star had a penalty appeal turned down after Warwick defender Michael Crawford appeared to handle.

Striker

A minute before half time, Star defender Henry Eze picked the ball up just inside his own half and went on a run into the heart of the Warwick penalty area only for Continental striker Salmon to get in his way.

The opening minutes of the second half saw Continental start well and on 49 minutes Daniel Holdgate thought he had given Continental the lead only for his goal to be ruled offside. On 53 minutes good inter-passing between Hamilton and Ibrahims Benjamin resulted in a chance for Salmon who saw his shot drift over. Warwick tried to get their passing game going but didnt really create much. On 63 minutes, a brilliant ball over the top from his own half by Tony Green picked out Holdgate who was through on goal but Warwick keeper Malholtra was quick of his line to win a challenge with Holdgate and clear the ball out of play for a throw in.

On 76 minutes, Warwick were awarded a free kick. Midfielder Michael Crawford stepped up and curled the ball over the Continental wall into the right hand corner of the net for a excellent opening goal.

But just eight minutes later, following a foul on Green, sub Josh O'Garro powered a pinpoint free-kick into the Warwick net leaving the stranded Malholtra well beaten for a well deserved equalising goal.

On 86 minutes, Ryan Mullings saw his shot spilt by Malholtra ,but the Warwick defence scrambled the ball away.

The home side were probably the happier to hang on for a point.

Own goal leveller

SPORTING KHALSA 1 LYE TOWN 1

SPORTING Khalsa were given a helping hand on their way to a share of the West Midland League Premier Division spoils with Lye.

An own goal seven minutes from time salvaged a point for the hosts.

Khalsa found themselves trailing after just six minutes when a mix-up between Lee Onions and keeper Tom Turner resulted in Gennard firing into an empty net.

Despite having the majority of possession after the break it took Khalsa until the 83rd minute to level when Nathan Jackson put a Lye defender under pressure, forcing him to turn the ball into his own net.

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Seven-up Aldridge triumph despite absences

WHEATON ASTON 0
ALDRIDGE 37

WITH a back line short of a number of familiar faces, the game plan was to keep it in the forwards and that's what they did, very efficiently. They had shove to spare in the tight and more height in the lineout.

Seven tries were scored without reply – all but one coming from the forwards.

Flanker Richard Tipton opened, charging 22 metres into the corner after a blind side break. No 8 Terry Gibbs then scored twice, picking up and driving off the back of five metre scrums and prop Tony Harbutt secured the bonus points early in the second half, using his bulk to drive through the defence from short range.

The Aldridge backs had been frugal in defence and were increasingly brought into play in an attacking role but couldn't quite make the breakthrough until winger Dan Hall using his pace, rounded the cover defence to touch down in the corner.

Lock Eddie O'Neill charged through with 10 minutes left and Gibbs rounded things off late-on grabbing his third, again from close quarters. No 10 Ashley Shingler converted the last one.

It hadn't been such a good afternoon for the kickers.

WIZARD WILSON'S 'KEEP ME' APPEAL

Mark Wilson fires Saddlers ahead at St James Park with a curling free-kick

Jon Macken leads the congratulations for Mark Wilson after his wonder strike

Injury time equaliser anguish for Andy Butler and keeper David Grof

Walsall keeper David Grof goes down to save from the onrushing Danny Nardiello

WALSALL loanee Mark Wilson revealed this week that he is eyeing an extended Saddlers deal – after scoring his first goal for almost three years. Wilson scored the opener in Saturday's 1-1 FA Cup first round draw at Exeter and, after just three games, hopes to agree a new loan spell at the Banks's Stadium.

"My short term future is here for the next three or four games and I'd like to extend that into January, which is a big month. I'm happy here at the moment and I'm really enjoying my football – which I haven't been able to say for a while.

"It's nice to come into a place, have that expectation put on your shoulders and have that faith put in you. It's what has always driven me on.

"Dean (Smith) is a good manager to play for and you can see that from the other lads."

The ex-Manchester United man's 21st minute curling free kick looked to have sent the Saddlers through to the second round before David Noble levelled in injury time.

It was Wilson's first goal since February 2009 and he admitted he must score more.

"On the goal front I'm happy to get off the mark. I said I fancied it and in my head it was going in," said the 32-year-old.

Saddlers were left to wallow in their own self-pity after David Noble's strike, 20 seconds from time, saved the Grecians' FA Cup bacon. It was an exasperating goal and result after Walsall looked to have secured a fine win to edge into the second round.

There is still promise in the team – they are tantalisingly close to turning performances into results – but the last five per cent to turn defeats into draws and draws into wins is missing.

One win in 14 games is no longer a blip, it's a huge blot on a copybook which was blank but yet so full of hope at the start of the season.

Knockout

Masters of their own undoing, Walsall have only themselves to blame for their current predicament which has thrown doubts on the team's capabilities. Study the performances and there is a hard-working, unified team with a burning desire to win.

Glance at the results however and you'll get another story of a struggling side who have forgotten how to finish rivals off.

At the weekend they never looked in danger as the Grecians lumbered forward

But just as against Sheffield United, Hartlepool, Yeovil, Carlisle and Scunthorpe, Walsall could not hold on to their lead – and it was down to naivety.

The sight of Will Grigg cutting inside for goal instead of going to run down the clock in injury time was symptomatic.

The Saddlers must be more disciplined in their times of need. Nerves are understandable during a poor run but if they are to end it with victories they cannot afford more slip-ups.

While Noble's strike was a fine one, he wasn't closed down (the leg-weary Adam Chambers taking responsibility) as Walsall sat too deep in the final few seconds of this first-round encounter.

Defending stoutly for 93 minutes means nothing if you are going to switch off when victory is within your grasp.

Prior to their last-gasp heartbreak the Saddlers looked to have secured a vital win. Mark Wilson's 21st minute free-kick had them ahead and comfortable.

Again the back four were secure, with David Grof making two fine saves from Liam Sercombe when they were breached to justify his inclusion ahead of Jimmy Walker despite the regular No.1 being available again after suspension.

Exeter, a point and a place above the Saddlers in League One, were weak going forward – flimsy attacks were met with surefire and certain Walsall resistance.

And that is what the Saddlers must focus on.

They are still in the draw to face Bath City of Dagenham & Redbridge and deserved to win.

Manny Smith and Andy Butler were again impe-

EXETER CITY..... 1
WALSALL 1

rious while Doncaster loanee Wilson offered the composure and class which the side's engine room has missed this term.

Saddlers supporters were convinced that Richard Duffy should have been dismissed for a late tackle on the flying Alex Nicholls made the result harder to take.

But perhaps it was too much to ask for a safe first-round passage after just one game.

Smith said: "It's very disappointing. We should have seen the game out better in the final 10 to 15 minutes but, to be fair, it was a great strike from Noble which levelled it for them.

"I felt we were comfortable for much of the game, we worked hard as a team and showed plenty of endeavour. We are a hard team to beat and I'm expecting it to be equally as close in the replay.

"It was a decent performance but our ball retention was a little sloppy and it let us down right at the end. It's something we need to improve on."

Walsall: Grof, Beevers, Smith, Butler, Sadler, Gnakpa (Taundry 78),Wilson, Chambers, Paterson (Jarvis 90), Nicholls, Macken (Grigg 61).

Booked: Butler, Beevers, Gnakpa.

Exeter City: Pidgeley; Tully, Archibald-Henville, Coles, Goldbourne; Sercombe, Noble, Dunne; Shephard (Duffy, 50), O'Flynn (Logan, 71) Nardiello (Frear, 83).

Referee: Mr J Linington (Newport).

Attendance: 3,026.

Replay: Banks's Stadium, Wednesday, November 23, 7.45pm.

Skipper Butler rises highest to head clear

Wood battle back in a thriller to win through

PELSALL VILLA 2 WALSALL WOOD 2 AET

Walsall Wood win 4-3 on penalties

WITH three and a half minutes of injury time played, Wood mounted one more attack to try to take this Staffs FA Vase tie into extra time.

Mark Bandurak laid the ball back to Scott Cooper whose scorching low drive was superbly pushed round his left hand post by Andy Hughes.

The Villa defence couldn't get the corner away and it was Bandurak who pounced to score through a packed goal-mouth to force the extra period.

Thirty minutes of extra time couldn't produce a winner so it went to a shoot out.

Wood had one penalty saved, as did Villa but they fired one high over as well so it was left to the youngest player on the field, Sean Henderson, to step up and he calmly fired Wood into the semi-final, 4-3 – despite the poor sportsmanship of the Villa fans behind the goal.

Wood manager Kevin Matthews said afterwards: "It was the performance I was looking for after last Tuesday night's capitulation against Bloxwich. I thought the team showed guts and character and never gave up.

"It's one defeat in the last four games and our season starts here."

After 15 minutes of the first half Lee Arnold was strong in the centre, winning the ball and finding Scott Cooper, his through ball into the right of the box was collected by Lewis Taylor Boyce and he hammered the ball past the stranded Andy Hughes as he came out to meet him, making it 1-0.

Offside

After 29 minutes Matt Hunt raced away on the Villa left, swapped passes with Phil Gayle and his low cross was put behind for a corner by Michael Murray. From the flag kick the ball dropped for Hunt to fire hurriedly high over.

On 41 minutes, Adam Robinson from wide left crossed into a crowded penalty area, Adam Braddock came through a crowd of players to punch the ball away, but it fell perfectly for Williams to half volley into the back of the net to tie the scores at 1-1.

Seconds into the second half Jade Hulse had the ball in the net but it was offside

For the next 20 minutes Villa put the Wood under pressure.

On 65 minutes, Grizzle crossed from wide on the right to the far post, Battison powered in a header that Braddock pushed onto the bar.

On 75 minutes, Robinson released Gayle, who appeared to lose the ball, win it back and then go to ground, and the referee harshly awarded a penalty.

Aaron Simpson's spot kick was parried by Braddock, who also kept out the follow up and watched as a third effort bounced away off a post.

The relief was short-lived for Wood, as a minute later Craig Timmins raced to the byeline, and crossed over the keeper and in off the far post to make it 2-1 to Pelsall Villa.

Six minutes later it was nearly all over for Wood as Grizzle's low cross shot was pushed onto the post by Braddock, and it rebounded into his hands.

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